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Chance to learn about wildlife

Helen Greaves from West Lancashire Wildlife pictured at one of the ponds in Halsall

THE West Lancashire Wildlife (WLW) group is holding a series of events aimed at getting people involved in natural history, recording and species identification

Starting on Saturday (January 27) at 9am at Edge Hill University and then continuing monthly until June, the group will host talks and hands-on activity sessions linked to the 'Great Twin Pond Dig', run by University College London.

The project, which also involves volunteers from WLW and students from Edge Hill, is comparing wildlife from four ponds in Halsall to similar ponds in Norfolk. The West Lancashire ponds were all overgrown but two have now been restored. They will be monitored to see what differences develop in the plants and animal communities living in and around them.

The first talk and activity session at Edge Hill will seek to determine the diet of different species of owls known to live in the pond area. Other sessions will investigate the fish, terrestrial invertebrates, and mammals found living in and around the ponds, followed by sessions on bat surveys and moth species identification.

Following talks are scheduled for Saturday, February 24; Sunday, March 18; Saturday, April 21; Saturday, May 19 (evening); and Saturday, June 9.

Places are free but limited. For more information and to book directly go to www.eventbrite.co.uk or call Helen on 07716 162970 or email helen.greaves.11@ucl.ac.uk.

FOOTBALL CLUB BUYS LAND FOR NEW STADIUM

BURSCOUGH Football Club's plans for a new stadium have moved forward after the owners, Chequer Properties, completed a deal to buy the required land last week.

The new stadium will be built on land next to the Linnets' existing Victoria Park ground.

The club has confirmed it will install an artificial pitch at the new stadium although a grass pitch will be used initially when it opens.

With the necessary planning consent granted last year and work on the Section 106 terms attended to, club officials say they are ready to move forward with the project.

Burscough FC chairman Mike Swift said: "With the three key preliminary elements settled, we can now move forward to design details, preparing for construction tenders and debating a couple of contemporary issues.

"The footballing heritage of Victoria Park in Burscough should not be lost as we make progress and relocate.

"The football club is moving ahead with strategic options for enhanced spectator facilities, developing the successful second adult squad, growing youth activity and introducing women's football to the agenda."

Viable

Club secretary Steve Halliwell commented: "Traditionalists will no doubt have strong views on retaining a grass pitch but with new technology, an accommodating FA and specific League rules, artificial turf playing surfaces are both very attractive and viable.

"Naming rights for the new build stadium bring a commercial opportunity coupled with perimeter advertising spaces available.

An artist's impression of how the new ground will look.

"The new stadium will retain its close links to the popular and growing village of Burscough."

Mike Swift added: "As an open club we look forward to welcoming supporters, players, spectators and those with positive passions to see the national game develop. Pop in for a brew on match days, watch the play and have a chat with our football secretary, president, our long serving volunteers, or our manager after the game."

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Race night date

THE Mayor and Mayoress of West Lancashire, Councillor Neil and Mrs Julie Furey, will attend a race night in aid of the mayor's chosen charities at the Evermoor Hub, Birleywood, Skelmersdale on Saturday, January 27 from 7pm.

MP voices concern over transport funding plan snub

Report by **Henry James**

ROSIE Cooper has expressed her "deep concern" that the announcement by Transport for the North (TfN) of their bid for increased transport funding for the region makes no mention of West Lancashire.

TfN's 98-page Strategic Transport Plan launched last week contains its ideas and aspirations for improved transport links in the North but Ms Cooper says Ormskirk and Burscough don't feature at all, while there is only a passing reference to Skelmersdale.

The West Lancs MP has campaigned both locally and nationally since 2012 for a railway station in Skelmersdale - the second biggest town in the North West without one. During this period she has raised the matter with various Transport Ministers and even orally with the then Prime Minister in 2014.

Lancashire County Council's West Lancashire Highways and Transport Masterplan 2014 and Merseytravel's Liverpool City Region Long Term Rail Strategy 2014 have discussed at length the economic and social advantages that a Skelmersdale railway would bring.

Rosie Cooper: 'We need action not another talking shop'

And Ms Cooper has also continuously campaigned for the reinstatement of the Burscough Curves and for the creation of the long-awaited bypass for Ormskirk and Burscough.

She said: "I have campaigned tirelessly for improved transport links across West Lancashire for many years, including Skelmersdale railway station, the reinstatement of the Burscough Curves, an improved east-west rail service and a bypass for Ormskirk and Burscough.

"This plan from Transport for the North disappointingly does not address any of these transport projects and risks ploughing all the resources into the North's city regions while leaving behind economic centres and residents outside of these areas.

"West Lancashire needs significant transport infrastructure investment and I will continue to campaign for this.

"I have written to the chair and chief executive of Transport for the North and the chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group for the Northern Powerhouse to ask why West Lancashire has been omitted and confirmed that I do not welcome this plan while it appears to neglect critical transport issues for my constituents.

"We need action and funding, not another talking shop."

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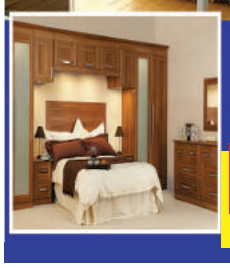

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Dispute is driving Alan up the wall!

'Stressed' resident says fixing roadside structure could cost him £50,000!

Report by **Kenny Parker**

Alan Scarisbrick pictured at the wall which he says West Lancs Council have told him to get fixed as it is 'a danger'

THE owner of a wall that is leaning towards the edge of a busy road feels he is being pressurised by both Lancashire County Council and West Lancs Council to have it fixed at his own expense - possibly at a cost in excess of £50,000 - even though he has been told the problems have been caused by a combination of heavy passing traffic and the effects of bad weather.

Alan Scarisbrick, of Clyffes Farm Close, Scarisbrick, concedes that the wall bordering his property is leaning precariously towards Bescar Brow Lane (the B5242).

But the 59-year-old, a consultant chartered surveyor, believes it has been damaged by traffic flow on the road and is therefore the county council's responsibility.

Following an earlier visit by a county council highways engineer he was told that the burden was on him to prove the council's liability and submit a claim.

He has since paid £900 for a survey which confirmed that the wall - built more than 130 years ago - has been damaged by heavy traffic flow and water and deicing salt splashed by passing vehicles.

Since then Alan says the county council has ignored all his further requests to discuss the matter.

Now to add to his concerns he has received a letter from West Lancs Borough Council instructing him to get the wall fixed as it is a potential danger.

He said; "Even if I was minded to initiate the rebuilding works I could not do so without the co-operation of the county council as the highways authority.

"And in any event there are works required to the highway, highway verge and drainage before any rebuilding works can be started which was pointed out by one of the contractors.

"If the council won't meet with me or answer any of my emails it seems there's little chance of them co-operating. I believe they won't meet me on site as it is quite obvious what the situation is and they would have to admit it.

Quotes

"As for the letter from West Lancs Council, it feels like the authorities are ganging up on me! The situation is causing me a lot of frustration and stress."

And he says provisional quotes he has received for the work to be done, including the cost of erecting a traffic management system, show that the total cost could be in excess of £50,000.

A spokesperson for West Lancs Council said: "The council is sorry to hear this is causing stress to Mr Scarisbrick, but we have a very limited role in this matter and Mr Scarisbrick will have to take the matter up again with the county council."

Meanwhile Lancashire County Council commented: "We have been made aware of a defective private wall which we reported to West Lancashire Borough Council's building control team. We understand they have made contact with the owner of the wall regarding its current condition. It is the responsibility of the landowner to maintain structures on private land.

"We have carried out inspections of the road surface and highway drainage at this location and found no significant maintenance issues which need to be addressed.

"We have advised Mr Scarisbrick to present any evidence of the county council's liability relating to the condition of the wall for our consideration."

Man who went 'crazy' in pub has sentence increased

By our **Court Reporter**

A WEST Lancashire man who received a 16-week jail sentence after going "crazy" in a pub, has not only lost his appeal against his convictions - but had his sentence increased.

Alan Watts had been found guilty of four assault offences by Sefton magistrates last November following an incident in the Coronation public house in Southport.

The 45-year-old launched an appeal but after a hearing at Liverpool Crown Court it was dismissed and his sentence increased to six months.

Recorder David Turner, QC, who sat with two magistrates, told Watts he was an aggressive unpleasant man "whom we deeply disbelieved."

As well as increasing his jail sentence the bench also ordered him to pay compensation totalling £1,100 to his four victims. He had originally been ordered to pay each of them £100.

Watts, of Wood Moss Lane, Scrarisbrick, had been convicted of assaulting a barmaid and assistant manager at the pub, an off-duty female police officer and her female friend.

He had been drinking with two other men for almost five hours in the premises on King Street on September 19, 2015 when near to midnight he went over to speak to a group of women sitting at another table.

After the women made it clear to him that they were not interested in his attention, the manager asked him to leave. Watts then became aggressive and one of the women, who advised him that she was a police officer, was grabbed and pushed against a pillar.

A melee then ensued as the manager was pushed out of the way and a female bar staff member was also pushed and felt pain.

The staff then tried to get him out of the pub but he continued his aggression, while shouting and swearing at the manager and a witness described Watts as "going crazy in the street lashing out at everybody."

Punched

The off-duty officer again identified herself as police but she was punched to the chest causing her to stumble backwards. The female bar staff member was then grabbed around the throat and needed two hands to prise him off.

On hearing that the officer had been hurt her friend also got involved. "She saw the defendant outside shouting and told him to leave," Angela Blackmore, prosecuting, told magistrates. Watts then punched her in the face three times.

Watts left but was later picked up by police. He denied all the assaults and maintained his innocence but was found guilty after a trial. The court heard that Watts had a record of 11 convictions for 13 offences, one of which was for assault.

Watts has been barred by the magistrates from entering The Coronation public house for two years.

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Safety partnership stalwart signs off with glowing commendation

A SENIOR West Lancashire Borough Council officer has been presented with a commendation by Lancashire Police in gratitude for his work to help tackle crime and community safety issues.

Dave Tilleray, the council's Director of Leisure and Wellbeing and chairman of the West Lancashire Community Safety Partnership (WLCSP) is leaving the authority after 22 years.

He has been involved with the community safety partnership since 2005; became chairman in April 2011 and has presided over numerous achievements to help tackle crime and improve community safety in the borough.

To thank him for his efforts he has been presented with a letter from the Chief Constable and a Divisional Commander's Commendation, which is given by Lancashire Police to recognise work that makes a significant contribution to achieving targets of local policing plans.

This has included helping to tackle serious and organised crime; reducing reoffending; preventing child sexual exploitation; tackling domestic violence issues and protecting vulnerable people from repeat anti-social behaviour.

During Dave's chairmanship, WLCSP has enjoyed success in tackling organised crime by working with partners through Operation Nemesis, which was led by the police.

This has led to more than 370 arrests, more than 200 years of prison sentences being handed out by the courts, and almost £2 million pounds worth of drugs being seized.

Dave Tilleray receives his Divisional Commander's Commendation from Chief Inspector Jill Halliwell, watched by Councillor Kevin Wright, Sergeants Andy Bramhall and Craig Appleton, Superintendent Wendy Bower and Kim Webber, chief executive of West Lancs Council.

Tackling child sexual exploitation has been a subject that Dave is particularly passionate about. He has played a role in making sure awareness training has been delivered to every secondary school in West Lancashire.

Other initiatives introduced under his tenure include the Bright Sparx Action Plan, which has seen the number of deliberate fires and anti-social behaviour offences reported over the Halloween and Bonfire period fall by more than 50%; and a working group to help agencies and partners work together to engage with new Edge Hill University students during Welcome Week.

Dave said: "I am very proud of what the community safety partnership has achieved while I have been involved and it was a lovely surprise to receive this commendation."

And Councillor Kevin Wright, West Lancs Council cabinet member for community safety, added: "Dave's commitment to ensuring West Lancashire remains a safe place has been a strong foundation for the WLCSP. The challenge for partners is to build on his legacy and carry on working to make West Lancashire a safe place."

Dave's contribution to partnership working on community safety was also recognised with a letter of appreciation from the Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service southern area group manager.

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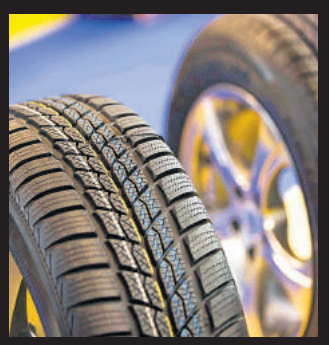
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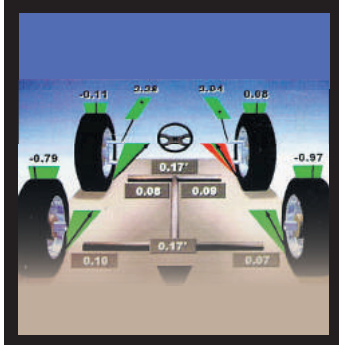
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New accolade for award-winning restaurant

AN award-winning West Lancashire restaurant has scooped another prestigious accolade.

The Moor Hall Restaurant with Rooms in Aughton has been awarded four AA rosettes - just four months after achieving their third rosette in September!

And the Prescot Road venue is the only restaurant to be awarded this accolade by the AA in its January roll of honour.

Set in a converted 16th century manor house, Moor Hall has already won a string of accolades including a Michelin star; a place in the Good Food Guide's top 50 restaurants; a double win at the 2017 West Lancashire Design Awards; and being listed in the new edition of the Sunday Times Best Places to Stay: 100 great British hotels.

Chef, Mark Birchall, said: "2017 was exciting and challenging as we launched Moor Hall last spring and now 2018 is off to a terrific start with the news of four rosettes from the AA. I am so proud of our team at Moor Hall, and we are constantly working to refine both our food and service to give a great customer experience."

Garden centre run by same family for 70 years to close

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A COUPLE whose family have owned their garden centre business for 70 years are shutting up shop this Sunday (January 28).

Shaun Lewis and his wife Hilary, both 58, are closing the Dunscar Garden Centre in Tarleton, putting an end to their family's ownership of the business, which dates back to 1948.

Since then, three generations of the family have helped to run the successful operation in Southport New Road.

Until Christmas they employed 23 staff, but the numbers have dropped down to just five this week, as their staff have found alternative jobs.

Perspective

Shaun revealed that his son lives in America and his daughter is settled in London, while his wife's nephews live in Scotland, so they do not have any family to pass the business on to – and that they have sold it as a site rather than as a business.

He said: "My wife's parents were directors of the company and when they sadly passed away in 2016, it changed our perspective and made us want to sell up and concentrate on doing different things while we are still young enough.

Shaun and Hilary Lewis take stock of their 'everything must go' sale at Dunscar Garden Centre, Tarleton.

"I had my first novel published three months ago and I want to concentrate on writing my second, due out this summer and hopefully go into screen-writing, so that will keep me busy.

"My wife wants to re-take up hobbies that she put on the back burner, including art, ecology and landscaping our garden. We also started doing up an old farmhouse years ago so we want to concentrate on finishing renovating that.

"We kept people on as long as we could although we did have to make some redundancies, but our staff have nearly all found other jobs now.

"Of course, we will miss running the garden centre but we are also looking forward to taking on new challenges."

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Lancashire Police issue county's December drink-driving figures

Report by **Henry James**

MORE than 120 people were caught drink-driving as part of Lancashire Police's Christmas campaign.

A total of 3,247 breath tests were administered across the county throughout December 2017, with 126 people failing the test or refusing to provide a specimen, resulting in a failure rate of 3.9%, a slight decrease compared to 2016.

The December campaign was the third to include drug-driving tests, with 56 people stopped - 30 of which were drivers found to be under the influence of drugs - meaning that 54% of those tested for drugs failed the roadside test.

The annual crackdown on drink and drug driving saw high-profile activity take place across the county throughout the whole of December. However, officers adopted an intelligence-led approach leading to an increase in both drug and alcohol tests showing a positive, failed or refused reading.

In the southern division of Lancashire Constabulary, which includes West Lancashire, 16 drug tests were administered in 2017 and 10 tested positive - a detection rate of 62.5%. In the same area 1,157 breath tests were administered and 38 tested positive – a detection rate of 3.3%.

Inspector Andy Trotter of Lancashire Police, said: "Drinking or taking drugs when driving is unacceptable at any time of the year and our efforts to catch those responsible will continue in a bid to make our roads safer.

"Unfortunately 126 people still thought it acceptable to drink and drive risking their licence, jobs, lives and even worse putting others at risk.

"What is disappointing is that more than half of the drugs tests conducted registered a positive result, showing that again some people chose to not only put their own lives in serious danger, but the lives of everyone around them by driving under the influence.

"Just one drink or drug driver on the roads of Lancashire is always one too many. We will continue to carry out regular enforcement activity and take action against those who continue to break the law."

Committed

Lancashire's Police and Crime Commissioner, Clive Grunshaw said: "Drink and drug-driving will not be tolerated here in Lancashire and targeted campaigns like this in December make a real difference, at a time of year when the dangers of drink driving should be at the forefront of everyone's mind.

"It also acts as a reminder for motorists that we will take necessary action against those who are putting their own lives and other people's lives at risk.

"We are committed to making Lancashire's roads as safe as possible, and continue to work all year round to ensure our roads are free from drug and drink drivers."

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Business student says he turned £100 into £30,000 by trading in cryptocurrencies

Report by **Kenny Parker**

Student Louis Gunnell who claims he made £13,500 in a week trading on bitcoin.

A SECOND-year business student at Edge Hill University claims he has made more than £30,000 from a £100 investment by trading on cryptocurrencies.

Louis Gunnell, who has ambitions of being an investment banker when he finishes his studies, says he made £13,500 in a little more than a week as a result of hundreds of trades and capitalising on a phenomenal rise in the value of bitcoin currency.

After increasing that to £16,000 through further trading, he then re-invested £13,500 into another cryptocurrency called Funfair, which also rose in value, so his investment now stands at £28,000 and total money raised at £30,500.

Bitcoin is the first of the world's so-called cryptocurrencies - a digital coin system designed to work as a medium of exchange that uses coded systems (cryptography) to secure transactions. It has recently created quite a stir as the value of the currency rocketed to nearly $20,000 in December, having traded at less than $1,000 in January 2017.

Because of the way it is traded over the Internet, the currency is free from the supervision of any authority or law enforcement and for that reason has been linked with criminal activity, such as drug dealing, money laundering and tax evasion.

Saved

Opinion is divided about whether cryptocurrencies have a future, and the chairman of the European Securities and Markets Authority, Steven Maijoor, has warned that lack of regulation means that those who buy into them can lose all of their investment.

Since December bitcoin has fallen in value to $10,600.

Louis says he has been interested in money since childhood but only decided to make it a career two years ago after watching the film, *Wolf of Wall Street*.

The 19-year-old, who says his friends have dubbed him the Wolf Of Ormskirk, said: "I've always been very interested in being financially stable from a young age. As a kid I always saved up all my pocket money, plus all the money I used to get for birthdays. While other kids would go and buy new toys and clothes, from about the age of six I would just store it away!

"That's where my interest lies. It's not so much the desire to spend money, just to accumulate it.

"During my first year at university I made about £2,000,which isn't much in the grand scheme of things, but in student terms it's a decent sum of money.

"Then I began trading at the start of the academic year in September with £100 and during the bitcoin hype off an online platform called Trading 212, I made £13,500 in just over a week.

"My success is currently due to the huge hype around the market, spotting trends and reading up on cryptocurrencies that have a high potential return, such as Funfair, a casino coin, or Ethereum. Funfair is what I am making most money on currently.

"I personally believe that cryptocurrency is the future and investing in it now should be everyone's aim."

He did sound a note of caution though for anyone tempted to follow in his footsteps.

"Don't take what anyone else says for gospel because people at the minute are saying buy this buy that and it's going up and down, left right and centre.

"Also, some coins do not mean anything they are just what we call pumps and dumps - it's a sort of scam. So definitely do your research."

Couple's 'free' parking stays landed them with £100 fine because of faulty camera

AN Ormskirk couple were left facing a £100 fine after mistakenly being accused of leaving their car parked overnight at the town's Two Saints Car park because of a fault with the cameras used to record vehicle registrations.

Motorists can park free for up to an hour on Two Saints, which is run by Parking Eye Services on behalf of the owners, Fairacre UK Retail Properties.

Pensioner Peter Baker had parked his Mercedes there for about 20 minutes on the afternoon of Thursday, October 19.

Then the following morning his wife Doreen also parked there, again for a brief stay well within the allotted free period.

So the couple were shocked to receive a letter a month later enclosing a penalty notice saying they owed £100 (reduced to £60 if paid within two weeks) for leaving their car in the car park overnight!

Peter said: "I was flabbergasted to receive the £100 penalty notice from Parking Eye!

"Their evidence consisted of two photos of my car in the car park - one taken on the Thursday afternoon and the other on the Friday morning - indicating that it had been parked there overnight.

"Obviously, one of the photos had been taken on the Thursday when I parked there and the other on the Friday when my wife had done so.

"Fortunately I have home CCTV coverage of my car parked on my driveway during the time it was supposed to be on the Two Saints and I used this to successfully appeal the charge.

Pater and Doreen Baker with their £100 penalty notice

"The vehicle recognition cameras had obviously failed to capture my car leaving on the Thursday or arriving on the Friday morning.

"I want to bring this potential camera problem to people's attention to help avoid unnecessary and costly fines for unsuspecting users in the future."

A spokesperson for Parking Eye said a camera may not have correctly logged information because of extreme weather conditions affecting visibility and dirty number plates.

The company said the cameras are monitored and managed 24/7, that routine checks are carried out and that processes are in place to ensure the maintenance of cameras.

The spokesperson added: "We encourage people who have received a parking charge to appeal if they think there are mitigating circumstances. In this case, the driver appealed and upon assessment of their case we have cancelled the charge."

Libraries to mark Storytelling Week

LIBRARIES in Lancashire will be taking part in National Storytelling Week from Saturday, January 27 to Saturday, February 3.

Staff at libraries across the county and the school library service will take the opportunity to read stories to children and to celebrate reading.

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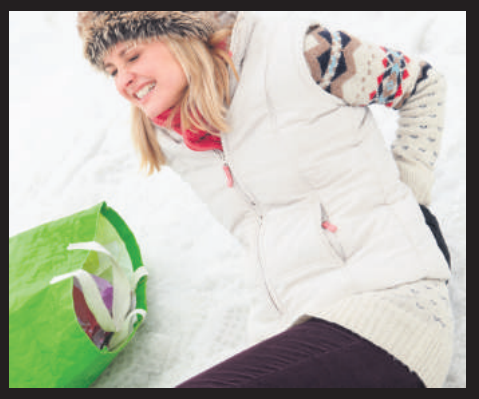

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As we move through winter, with many forecasters predicting colder snowier conditions than normal, some of us will find ourselves falling victim to the less favourable conditions. Regular winter storms add to the potentially treacherous driving conditions and drivers need to take extra care as a result of the conditions.

According to the Department of Transport, 251 people were seriously injured and 2,274 were slightly injured in reported road accidents during icy and snowy conditions in 2014. During December 2017 the RAC estimated it would be called out to 9,000 of its members on peak days. Of course, many of these accidents are actually avoidable.

During difficult driving conditions, many motorists fail to take the necessary care to other road users which can result in dangerous collisions and you suffering injury. The law protects those injured as a result of another's negligence and you may be able to claim compensation.

The same goes for roads, pavements, car parks and public spaces. If surfaces become icy or snowy and they remain untreated this can lead to slips and trips which can cause serious injuries. In the case of Rockliffe v Liverpool City Council a pathway had been allowed to become icy and remained untreated; as a result Ms Rockliffe slipped causing her to suffer a serious head injury. As a result of her injuries, Ms Rockcliffe received damages of £35,000.

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Brother's experience with autism inspired award-winning film

Edge Hill student earns international recognition and plaudits for 'thoughtful' documentary

AN Edge Hill student who was inspired to make a film exploring autism after witnessing its effects on his younger brother has won awards and acclaim for his hour-long documentary.

Tom Griffiths, a Film Studies with Film Production student at the Ormskirk university, created *Autism: A Curious Case of the Human Mind,* with a group of fellow film students on a budget of just £370!

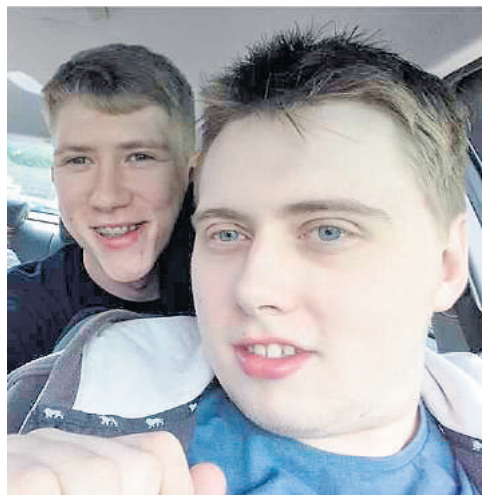
The film has since won Best of Festival and Best Feature Documentary at Carmarthen Bay Film Festival 2017; was nominated for Best Documentary Feature at the Prince of Prestige Academy Awards 2017; and was a semi-finalist at both the Los Angeles CineFest 2017 and the Oniros Film Awards in Italy.

Twenty-one-year-old Tom said: "I was due to set off to university after my final year in college so I thought that it would be a good time to learn more about my brother's condition and other peoples life experiences with autism.

"Documenting it on film allowed me to share my experience with the audience - hopefully helping them understand the condition better too.

"People all over the world have seen my work and that is mind-blowing. The more people that watch the film, the wider platform the message reaches and hopefully the more aware our society becomes of this fascinating condition."

The film has received a number of positive reviews. Ukfilmreview.co.uk stated: "Griffiths is young and just starting in his filmmaking career and to tackle such a subject so early on is a bold move. . . the content is engaging and most importantly informative."

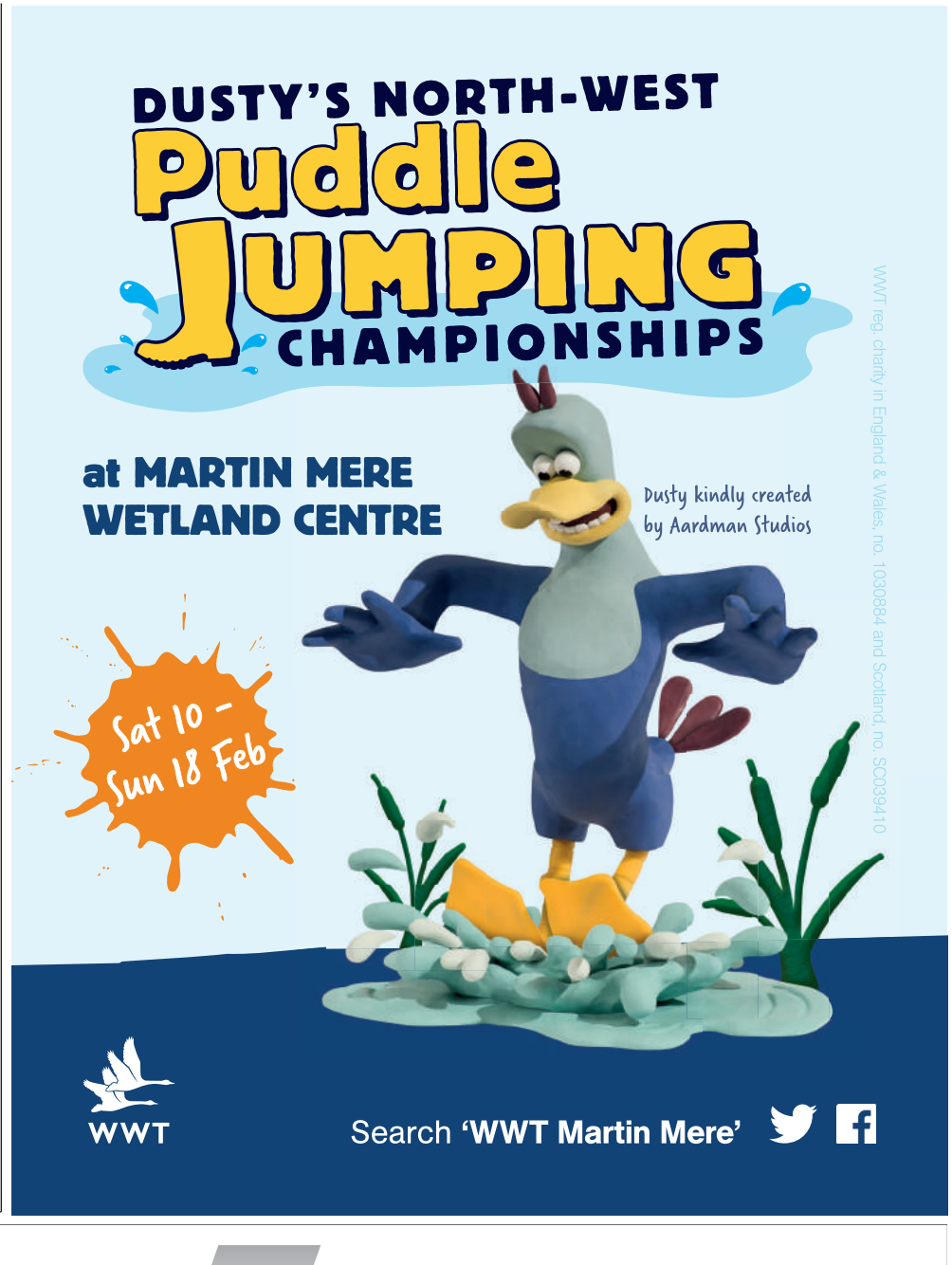


Tom with younger brother Owen whose experiences inspired the award-winning film

Blogger Emmakwall described the film as "a very thoughtful, interesting documentary with the added twist of including the complex relationship between two different brothers. Well-written and made, it's a pleasure to watch."

Tom aims to continue making films and music videos and hopes to build a reputation and career for himself within the film industry.

The film is available to watch on Vimeo - https://vimeo.com/248032043.



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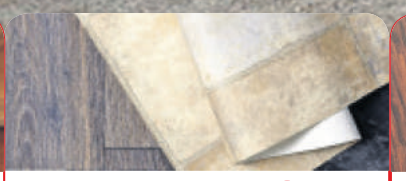

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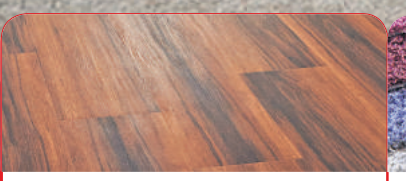

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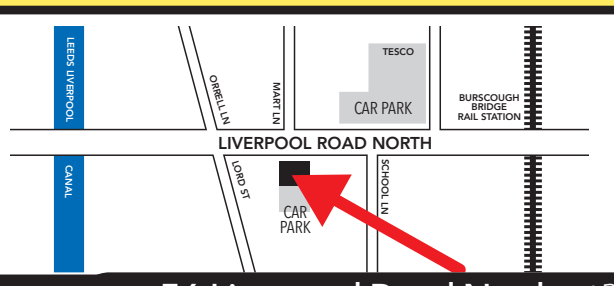

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Youth Champion's donation is 'grand' boost for charity!

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A WEST Lancashire-based charity which provides leisure activities for people with learning disabilities has been handed a £1,000 boost, courtesy of Lancashire County Council's Champion for Youth, County Councillor Mark Perks.

Formed in 2008, the family-led Sporting Challenge aims to provide members with events to help them keep fit and healthy, including aerobics, bowling, boccia, kurling, zumba/dance, swimming and other fitness and leisure activities.

The group currently has 46 members from the West Lancashire area who are provided with transport to and from their homes to events, along with sessional workers to support them while carrying out the activities.

Membership is expected to grow in coming years while around a third of the current members are aged 16 to 22.

Sporting Challenge Activities Co-ordinator, Edward McCarthy, said: "We are working with Lancashire County Council and its transition social workers to provide suppor and sessions for 'transition aged' adults between the ages of 16 and 22. This can be a difficult time for them and their families with lots of changes as they move from school or college into adulthood and possibly lose touch with friends they have made there.

"There are potentially more members who might benefit from our support in this age range and I would like to thank Councillor Mark Perks for this funding award which will make a huge difference."

Members of Sporting Challenge enjoying a cycling activity in Southport

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Laura Belger from Burscough St John's C of E Primary School said, "Of all the trips we do, this is my favourite. It is so hands on and the children absolutely love it. At school we do science based on seasonal changes in our local area so it's really important to learn about migration and why the swans come all this way for the winter. This morning we have been in the hide, using binoculars and looking at the swans, doing the guided learning workshop in the theatre and learning about habitats. I highly recommend this time of year to visit Martin Mere. There are lots of warm classrooms and we often do some badge making so the children have a souvenir to take home."

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Teenager writes to PM in bid to raise awareness of young people's mental health issues

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A TEENAGER from West Lancashire has gone right to the top in her bid to raise awareness of and more support for young people suffering from mental health problems.

The 17-year-old, a student at Ormskirk Sixth Form College who has asked to remain anonymous, has written to the Prime Minister, Theresa May - with a copy to West Lancs MP, Rosie Cooper.

She said: "I believe there is simply not enough help for young people fighting mental illness."

In the letter she details her own experience of seeking help for mental health issues, including lengthy waits to be seen by health professionals and being sent to counselling sessions aimed at older people.

She also claims schools are failing to address mental health issues that affect children and that young sufferers need to be encouraged to be more open about it.

An edited version of the letter reads as follows:

'Dear Prime Minister, I am writing to you concerning the subject of mental health and the services and support available within the UK, especially those available to young people.

'Mental health services within the UK need improving. As someone 17 years of age, I cannot speak for those older than me, only young people and from what I have experienced the support, services and knowledge of mental health are simply not good enough.

'20% of teens will experience some sort of mental health issue before reaching adulthood therefore when a young person claims they need help, they need it then and with a wait of at least 12-15 weeks for cognitive behavioural therapy, people are simply not getting the help needed.

'Services also need to be age specific. Recently I was sent on a stress-control course and was the youngest person in the room by at least 15 years. I realised I could not relate to these people due to the age gap.

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'Stigma caused by society is the biggest problem regarding mental health in teenagers. There needs to be more education within schools from a young age regarding mental health. I am currently in my first year of college and during my school life can possibly remember having one 45-minute lesson about mental health. Is this really enough?

'Within young people I believe a lot of mental health issues are brushed off as hormones, with doctors, peers and teachers believing - and I quote a doctor - "a lot of young girls your age go through emotional difficulties." Yes, I realise this but if I've felt the need to go and speak to someone about it and the way my thoughts are flowing, is this really normality and just hormones? I don't believe it is.

'Doctors also need more knowledge on teenage mental health as I personally have never been so unsatisfied with the support, or rather lack of support I have received from the NHS, with numerous doctor's appointments and phone calls leading nowhere.

'I thank you for your consideration on this matter and I look forward to your response.'

A spokesman for 10 Downing Street told the Champion that the Prme Minister's office receives a large amount of mail and that the vast majority is dealt with by the relevant departments. He said: "They have insight into the issues raised in the letter and can give the best guidance and response.

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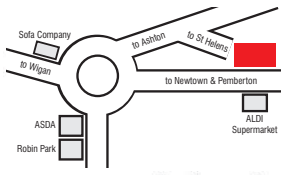

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Police team up with restorative justice charity for launch of hate crime initiative

LANCASHIRE Police is the first force in England and Wales to team up with national charity, Why me? with the aim of improving victims' access to restorative justice,

Why me? campaigns for and advocates greater access to restorative justice for victims of crime in the two countries.

It works with victims, offenders, statutory services, voluntary organisations and criminal justice agencies and in 2015 launched its own Restorative Justice Service giving the right to everyone who has suffered as a result of crime to have their chance to talk about what happened.

The first phase of the charity's collaboration with Lancashire Police is the project, Access to Justice: Hate Crime and Restorative Justice.

Ministry of Justice research has shown that restorative justice can result in 85% victim satisfaction and a 14% reduction in the frequency of re-offending. The aim of the project is to work with community groups and find out what the barriers are, what support is required, and what practical guidance practitioners need on how the restorative justice process can be best used for hate crime and for specific groups of victims.

Lancashire Police Restorative Justice Manager, Helena Cryer.

Helena Cryer, Lancashire Police's Restorative Justice Manager, says: "We are really looking forward to working with Why me? on this exciting project in 2018. The utilisation of restorative justice for hate crime and hate incidents can have recognised benefits for victims and we are keen in Lancashire to further develop the access that victims have to restorative justice."

Why me? director, Lucy Jaffe, added: "Used alongside any punishment, restorative justice has the potential to really identify and address the harms caused by hate crime. It offers victims the opportunity to take back control by telling their story and having their voices heard. The reality of victims' suffering is brought into focus for offenders, allowing them to see the humanity in their victims and helping them to change.

'Positive step'

"We are delighted to be working with Lancashire Police, with its proven track record on commitment to restorative justice and its enthusiasm to provide sector-leading support to victims."

Clive Grunshaw, Lancashire's Police and Crime Commissioner, commented: "This highlights the fantastic work the team at Lancashire Police and Lancashire Victim Services are doing, offering the advice and support people need to take this difficult but often important step, also building on the work that has been done in the county supporting victims of hate crime.

"It is another positive step towards making our communities better, safer places to live."

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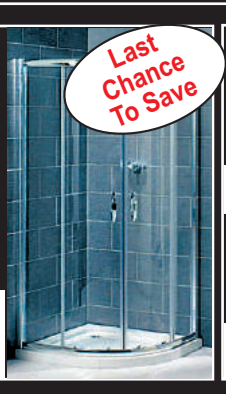

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Inflation rising faster than wages and benefits cut - where does commissioner think the pubic's money is going to come from to fund county's policing?

POLICE Commissioner Clive Grunshaw is once again asking the public, the long-suffering silent majority, if they would be happy to pay more money for better policing as the Government have withdrawn funding.

I find this difficult to believe.

Grunshaw is a civil servant earning £100,000 a year. He has an office with staff and, I suspect, a deputy.

The public are experiencing 3.1% inflation, 2.3% wage increases, if they are fortunate, and drastic benefit reductions to vulnerable claimants.

Where does Grunshaw think money for police increases is coming from?

There are about 120,000 police - one police person for 500 civilians. Not all police are front-line officers, about 40% do clerical jobs, like answering phones, processing documents, run-of-the mill office procedures. All could be done by civilian office workers.

The police can retire after 25years service with a generous pension plus a final golden handshake settlement sum.

Last year the Champion reported the retirement of the Skelmersdale Commander, aged 52, after 30 years service. It was stated he was going to run a band. What a waste of his experience.

If he was in a 'normal' job, as most people are, he would have had another 17 years to work.

So before the Police Commissioner goes on his annual begging for money it should be incumbent to look at ways of increasing efficiency. Would he care to explain how last year's increase was spent?

We do need more police, we also need demonstrable efficiency.

Front-line police do a superb job like no other and are called upon, at times, to put their lives on the line. We do not need them doing office jobs and being put out to grass at 40 years.

Graham P. Walker, Up Holland

Rail dispute is about safety only - not holding companies over a barrel

IN reply to the letter by J. M. Berry of Aughton headed 'Rail travelling public set to suffer again' (Letters, January 10), should that have read J. M. Barrie of Never Never Land in his or her idea that the dispute is about the guards holding the company to ransom?

This is nothing whatsoever to do with holding Merseyrail over a barrel regarding strike action - it's to do with safety and safety only.

I presume that J. M. Berry is a male and uses Merseyrail during the 'safe hours', not an elderly person or a lady, young or old, traveling alone when the 'pond life' emerge to cause trouble on the network. So, J. M., consider a member of your family being accosted by this scum.

Also, the bigger picture is how many British taxpayers are aware 75% of rail companies are run by foreign countries with £2.61 billion paid in subsidies by the taxpayer. Merseyrail alone has a £125m subsidy with £16m paid to shareholders in dividends - fact, not a fairytale from Never Never Land. This dividend alone pays the guards wages', not skimmed off to subsidise the Dutch, German and French rail passengers which is the case.

If these countries can run our railways at a profit why can't we?

C. Green, Aughton

PICTURE of the week

Guiding hand: Following its appearance on TV's Great British Railway Journeys with Michael Portillo, The Hornby Heritage Room at Maghull Leisure Centre opened its doors last Sunday for visitors to see the collection in honour of Maghull's visionary toy manufacturer Frank Hornby. Picture by Martyn Snape.

Anti-Brexit gang's claims are laughable

READING the anti-Brexit contributions to your letters page never fails to make me chuckle. Two contributions appeared recently. Both had me clutching my stomach with laughter.

Poor old Maurice George seemed suicidal and like many with his beliefs clings to the hope that anti-democratic shenanigans will ultimately save us all from our ignorance.

This apparently all based on a somewhat less than statistically scientific approach consisting of standing in Ormskirk and talking to anyone who might join him in the pouring rain to discuss all things EU. Pure gold.

Then there was Dr John. I have to say his surname, Watt, seems most appropriate, the word being that which most readers must have uttered upon reading his letter.

Take his classic piece of analysis warning of the UK losing its agriculture and food industry under the weight of massive post-Brexit imports.

The good doctor appears to be short of understanding of recent economic history - it was precisely the opportunities that existed for the then Common Market to offload all its inefficiently produced and highly-priced food surpluses into Britain that persuaded the then six members to finally let us into the Community!

Roll on next week's edition for more laughs.

Educated Brexiteer, details supplied

NHS in need of a radical overhaul

WITH the NHS again making headlines I felt compelled to share a recent experience at a West Lancashire walk-in centre.

I arrived before 9am and was pleased to see it was relatively quiet. I was told by the receptionist that she couldn't register me because the computer system was updating - she was clearly flustered and embarrassed. By the time she was able to register me a queue was beginning to form.

Why are updates not done through the night like most large organisations are? Then the receptionist can do her job, the triage nurse can do hers, and the clinical staff can then do theirs?

The NHS needs a radical overhaul, this includes the GP services which in my opinion are not fit for purpose.

Walk-in centres need to be open longer, closing at 8pm just passes the problem onto A&E and the whole cycle starts again.

The NHS needs to stop being a political football and become a cross-party responsibility. Change for change sake is a waste of time and money, staff need continuity, support and leadership that actually knows what it's doing!

Local resident, name and address supplied

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Dismayed by coverage of Aurora plans

I WAS very dismayed at your front page (January 10) with Ian Roche and Aurora getting such a glowing spread.

For residents of West Lancs and Sefton this news was generally the worst start to the New Year.

You failed to mention that almost all the parish councils, West Lancs and Sefton borough councils and Lancashire County Council gave a resounding no to any fracking in our area.

Nor did you mention that this decision was overturned by central government against the will of the ratepayers of Lancashire.

Nor did you mention the seismic events of 2011 in the Fylde caused by the fracking, the hundreds of extra heavy goods vehicles on our country roads and the billions of gallons of water needed in an area already prone to flooding.

There are countless studies which prove the horizontal hydraulic fracking process to be a danger to our public health and our environment. Anyone not taking the time to inform themselves is acting irresponsibly.

Mrs M. Tarplee, by email

Fracking proposal is a real shocker!

TO say I was shocked to see the plans to bid for fracking on one of the best nature sites in this area would be an understatement.

Altcar has one of the highest levels of skylarks, lapwings and hares in the country and they all nest on the fields where the wells are planned.

There are also barn owls and stoats in the nearby fields and in the autumn the geese and swans use the fields. And, of course, there are the many walkers who enjoy the rare sights and songs of this wildlife.

Skylarks and lapwings are ground-nesting birds they wouldn't stand a chance if this went ahead.

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Barbara Bellis, by email

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MP welcomes water company's initiative on customer debt

UNITED Utilities has launched two new financial support schemes which it says will help customers struggling to pay their water bills.

The schemes were launched at the company's first Affordability Summit in Liverpool which brought together organisations from across the region who deal with people in challenging circumstances to discuss support for those struggling to make ends meet.

United Utilities' new payment plus scheme is aimed at customers who fall behind with water bill payments. For those who commit to a payment plan, the company has pledged to match every pound they pay off towards their outstanding debt, increasing to £2 per £1 after six months.

And in response to the roll-out of Universal Credit, the company is also offering customers a suspension or delay in their payments for up to eight weeks in the event of any reduction in their household income due to the transition to the new benefit.

West Lancs MP, Rosie Cooper, who met with representatives of United Utilities, welcomed the plans. She said: "I very much welcome the efforts of United Utilities in supporting its customers who may be struggling with their payments or increasing debt and providing a manageable and attractive solution to clearing some of their utility bills.

West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper with John Martin and Keith Haslett from United Utilities

"Not only can keeping up with rising utility bills be difficult, but it's widely known that many families really feel the pinch after the Christmas period.

"Many customers will appreciate the opportunity to work with United Utilities to help clear any debts through the newly-launched schemes."

Louise Beardmore, customer service director at United Utilities, said: "If customers are struggling with water bills they are likely to be struggling to pay other household bills, so this is a collective challenge to see what more we could all be doing to help and support people.

"We already offer a wide range of financial assistance schemes to support our most vulnerable customers, but we are challenging ourselves to improve the scale and effectiveness of the support we offer. We also know lots of customers may be unaware of what we do or feel unable to reach out for the help."

Attending the Affordability Summit were key agencies, utilities companies, local authorities, credit unions, foodbanks, housing associations and charitable organisations from across the region.

More information about the schemes and how to apply, can be found on the United Utilities website at www.unitedutilities.com/difficulty-paying-bill.

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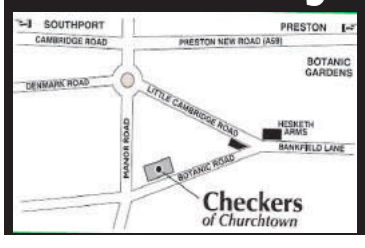

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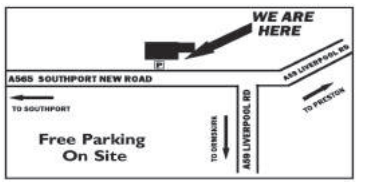

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Public's views sought on assisted conception services

Report by **Kenny Parker**

RESIDENTS in West Lancashire are being given the opportunity to have their say on assisted conception services, including IVF.

The NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is working in partnership with the other seven groups in Lancashire and South Cumbria to review clinical policies across the region.

As part of the review members of the public in West Lancs are being invited to read the proposed draft policy on assisted conception services, which is available on the CCG's website at www.westlancashireccg.nhs.uk, and provide their comments on the feedback survey.

The proposed policy will have an impact on patients and couples considering using health services to start a family.

Residents who do not have access to a computer can request written copies of the policy and survey be posted out by calling the CCG on 01695 588 203. Any comments should be submitted by no later than Friday, April 6.

Greg Mitten, chief officer of West Lancs Council for Voluntary Service and lay member for patient and public involvement at NHS West Lancashire CCG, said: "The CCG is responsible for commissioning a wide range of clinical services, including GP services, hospital services, community, mental health and learning disability services, for and on behalf of, the local population of which we serve. We need to ensure this is done in an open, fair and transparent manner but in so doing we must consider the limited resources we have.

"A key role for the CCG is to develop clinical policies that help us make decisions about the use of those limited resources. "This policy that we are currently consulting on may have an impact on many of our residents, it is therefore vitally important that our population have their say on what we are proposing."

Greg Mitten, lay member for patient and public involvement at NHS West Lancashire CCG

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'Almost exact' isn't good enough when it comes to bus timetable changes!

WHAT'S in a word - the word approximately in particular? After consulting my trusty, if by no means complete, Collins Concise English Dictionary, I've come up with the answers 'almost exact or correct'; 'to come near to'; or 'to be almost the same as.'

So, quite a useful word in many circumstances. It's fair enough to say: "I will be there is approximately an hour." Used thus the word gives its recipient a clear idea within a short time frame of exactly what you mean.

But last week I was puzzled by this word, and to an extent worried too. Just prior to the weekend before last, bus stop timetables in my neck of the woods suddenly sprouted a notice, with an unmissable red 'WARNING' at its top, giving the information that as from the following Saturday these stops would be out of use for the two through bus routes in Maghull - the 300 service to Southport and the 310 bus to Ormskirk - because of roadworks at the junction of the A59 Northway and Liverpool Road South.

I can't remember the exact wording of the whole thing, but as well as giving the alternative routes these two services would follow (good), it also said that these arrangements would last for 'approximately two days' (bad).

The diversion these two routes followed took them some distance away from the stops affected which meant, for instance, that in my case I would need to walk perhaps half-a-mile to reach them.

This wouldn't have been such an awful thing just for a couple of days, the Saturday and Sunday. But would the buses have returned to their normal routes on Monday morning? What was an intending passenger to do, guess which bus stop to wait at? And if so, for how long, given that buses have been known on occasion to be several minutes behind the published time?

It's no good saying you could find this information on the Merseytravel or Arriva websites. There are still many folk like me who can't do that, but even for those who could, if they hadn't seen the timetable notice beforehand they wouldn't have realised the need to before they set out anyway.

I don't blame either Arriva or even Merseytravel who put up the timetables, obviously neither could have known exactly when the road works would be completed. But these diversions covered roughly a mile of the two routes and involved only six bus stops. Surely it would have been possible for Merseytravel to have sent somebody out in a van or car as soon as it was known that they were reverting to their normal routes, and stick a piece of paper over the 'WARNING' notice?

I know this is something I have whinged about before, but bodies in authority suffer from a modern-day problem of assuming that a) everybody has and can use a computer; and b) that in the case of public transport in particular, everyone will consult the thing each time they go out for a local bus or train.

A few years ago I was Maghull Town Council's representative on a Merseytravel consultative committee and time and time again when a bus route was changed or timing altered, their response to my question of how they expected people to know about it, was "it's on our website." A fat lot of good if you'd just turned up at the stop for your bus for work or wherever only to find that it now left five minutes earlier!

I honestly believe that in North Merseyside and Sefton we still do pretty well for public transport. But if Government, national and local, is serious about attracting more people out of cars and onto buses and trains, it's vital not only that services go where and when folk need them, but they are also kept abreast of any short-term changes that have to be made - and when those changes have ceased if a firm date cannot be foreseen.

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Care provider seeks recruits for new Citizens' Panel

VIRGIN Care is encouraging residents in West Lancashire to help make decisions on the best ways to improve health services in the borough by signing up to be part of its new Citizens' Panel.

The company runs Adult Community Services and Urgent Care Services on behalf of the NHS in West Lancashire which includes community nursing and Skelmersdale and Ormskirk walk-in centres. Anyone with an interest in local healthcare can sign up to be part of the panel in order to stay informed of services and developments.

Members can choose from three different levels of participation - informed, asked or involved - and will be offered opportunities to take part in initiatives such as surveys on how the services are being delivered locally or opportunities to get involved in improving health services via events and steering groups.

They will also receive news updates on a regular basis based on their chosen service areas of interest.

More than 20 people have signed up to be part of the panel so far.

The first Citizens' Panel meeting will take place on Thursday, February 22 from 10am to noon at West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group, Hilldale, Wigan Road, Ormskirk.

This will be an introductory meeting and an opportunity to find about more about the work of the transformation team who are redesigning Adult Community Services and Urgent Care Services.

Michelle Lee, managing director for Virgin Care in West Lancashire, said: "The Citizens' Panels are groups of local people who shape health and care services by offering their views and insight into what matters for them, helping us set priorities and develop solutions.

"Those who choose to join could be patients, carers, or members of the public who have an interest in healthcare. The panel is a key part of Virgin Care's work and will make a real difference to the people who use our services.

"The more people who join, the better our services will be. We hope over the next year that our exciting projects will encourage more people to be part of something very exciting in West Lancashire."

People can sign up now at www.citizenspanel.co.uk.

Library fees and fines rise

County Councillor Peter Buckley

LANCASHIRE County Council's cabinet has voted to increase fees and charges in the county's libraries and archives.

Library reservation fees have not been increased since 2005, while fines for the late return of books have not risen since 2012.

Charges for the archives service were last reviewed in 2016, and those for the museums service in 2013.

Library reservation fees will increase from 60p to 75p; fines for the late return of library books go up from 15p to 20p per day (up to a maximum of £6); the commission on artwork and crafts sold in libraries and museums rises from 20% to 35%; and the charge for a copy of an archive probate record from £7.50 (including postage and packing) to £10 excluding postage and packing.

It has also been agreed to introduce a new handling charge for requests to provide copies of archives, £2.50 for copies within UK and £3.50 from outside the UK.

County Councillor Peter Buckley, cabinet member for community and cultural services, said: "The council's financial position means that we have to review our charges from time to time. We hadn't increased these charges for a while, and although we would prefer not to have to, this situation had to be addressed."

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Residents at Hillcroft Residential Care Home, Ormskirk, where management are aiming to make dreams come true in 2018

Care home aims to make dreams come true - with a little help from friends in the community

Report by **Kenny Parker**

MANAGEMENT at a care home in West Lancashire are aiming to make 2018 the year that residents' dreams come true.

Staff at the Hillcroft Residential Care Home in Long Lane, Aughton have launched a Live Your Dream project to banish the January blues and make this a year to remember for residents.

Each of the residents has shared their hopes and dreams for the year ahead and it is hoped to fulfil these one week at a time - hopefully with a little help from the local businesses and community.

Activities and events co-ordinator at Hillcroft, Megan Campbell, said: "Each week an individual will be taken to fulfil their particular dream - it could be going to a place they regularly used to visit, having a special meal with family or visiting the theatre.

"However some of our residents feel quite content that they have accomplished everything they want to and have agreed to have staff come up with a surprise that correlates with their individual interests.

"We would also like to ask if any local businesses could provide a special day for one of our residents.

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Builder's pledge on village play area

BUILDER Morris Homes has confirmed that it will be replacing a village playground that was demolished to make way for housing, following an approach by Rosie Cooper.

Residents had written to the West Lancs MP raising concerns that a playground detailed in the planning permission for the Herons Wharf housing estate in Appley Bridge had not yet been provided.

Now Ms Cooper has been told by Nick Uttley, Northern managing director at Morris Homes, that tenders have been received for the creation of the play area and a company has been selected to complete the installation.

The company says it is hopeful the work will be completed this month.

Rosie Cooper said: "Residents were understandably concerned that having lost a playground to the development of housing at Herons Wharf that the promised replacement playground would not be provided. So I was pleased to receive a response from Morris Homes confirming that the playground is set for installation this month.

"I will, of course, be monitoring the situation to ensure that the installation goes ahead and would welcome correspondence from residents should this not be the case in the coming weeks."

Monitoring the situation - Rosie Cooper

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Date announced for next meeting of CCG Primary Care Committee

THE next Primary Care Committee meeting of the West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) will be held on Tuesday, January 30 and is open to the public.

Following the CCG's move to level three primary care co-commissioning in April 2017, they now have responsibility of commissioning primary care services in West Lancs and lead on decisions of how funding is allocated.

To support this move and to avoid conflict of interest, the new committee does not offer any local GPs voting rights and is chaired by new CCG lay member, Steve Gross.

Meetings take place in public, so anyone is welcome to observe.

Steve Gross said: "As a group of local commissioners and clinicians, we understand what issues face our local communities, and importantly what needs our local people have.

"These new committee meetings are held in public, so anyone can observe them, which further reflects our commitment to be transparent about our plans and decisions."

The meeting will be held in the boardroom of the CCG offices in Hilldale on the Ormskirk Hospital starting at 1.30pm and finishing at around 3pm.

For instructions on how to find the office, contact the CCG on 01695 588 000. The agenda for the meeting will be available online at www.westlancashireccg.nhs.uk a week before the meeting.

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County council supports Young Carers Day

LANCASHIRE County Council is backing national Young Carers Awareness Day on Thursday, January 25.

This recognises the 700,000 children and young people under 18 years of age in the UK who provide care and support to someone in their family who is ill, has a disability or misuses substances.

County Councillor Susie Charles

County Councillor Susie Charles, Lancashire's cabinet member for Children, Young People and Schools, said: "We're glad to support Young Carers Awareness Day to raise awareness of the crucial role these young people have. We want this to be a day that everyone recognises the challenges faced by young carers and gives some thought to this.

"Our most recent figures indicate that we have around 4,000 children and young people who are providing care in Lancashire. This day provides us all with an opportunity to think if we know any young carers ourselves and ensure that we offer them the support they need.

"Most young carers provide between two and 19 hours every week, but some provide as many as 50. This can mean that they face many issues, and can be under a lot of strain, constantly juggling family, school and their personal life.

"We want to help schools, colleges, employers and the public to be able to assist these young people, to make sure that they are able to access the right support and are able to go on to pursue the employment that they want."

The Lancashire Young Carers Service is run by children's charity Barnardo's on behalf of the county council, in partnership with the East Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

'Amazing'

Jenny Ashcroft, manager for Barnardo's Young Carers Service in Lancashire, said: "Many young people with caring responsibilities may not realise they are actually carers, as it's just something they have always done, but their roles at home can often impact quite significantly on their own lives, including their education and personal wellbeing.

"That's why it is so important that adults and professionals who may come into contact with these young people can identify them and ensure they have access to the right support.

"Barnardo's provides one-to-one help to young carers and ensures the whole family is receiving the right level of support from a range of agencies, reducing the impact of the caring responsibilities and ensuring the young person can engage in school and socialise with peers. We also support them to gain access to further education, training and work.

"Young carers are amazing young people, who give so much to help care for their loved ones. It's crucial that they can have a childhood and their own life outside of caring and can access the same opportunities as others their age."

Chairman of Lancashire County Council, Skelmersdale Central councillor Terry Aldridge, will host an event at County Hall later this month in appreciation and recognition of the important role of young carers.

For more information about support for young carers in Lancashire can call 01772 641002, email lancashireyoungcarers@barnardos.org.uk or visit www.lancashirechildrenstrust.org.uk.

Primary pupils' ad video spoof proves a hit with department store executives!

WHEN youngsters at a West Lancs primary school were tasked with making their own version of the John Lewis TV Christmas advert, executives at the department store chain were so impressed with the result that they sent the children a gift and a handwritten note praising their efforts.

The John Lewis ads have become a Christmas tradition on TV and the 2017 version featured a seven-year-old boy being kept awake by furry giant, 'Moz the Monster'.

Katrina Williams, Class 7 teacher at Ormskirk St Anne's Catholic Primary School, explained: "For a Christmas project my class of Year 3 children had to create their own version of the advert, the twist being that instead of a quest for sleep, it became a quest for a pen licence (permission to use a pen instead of a pencil) which the children are all desperate for!"

A copy of the completed film was then emailed to Paula Nickolds, chief executive of John Lewis. And when they returned to school after the holidays Ms Willliams and the pupils were surprised to receive a parcel containing a Moz monster cuddly toy and book, along with a handwritten note.

The note read: "Dear Ms Willams and Year 3, thank you so much for sending us your Moz video.

" We are so impressed and have spent hours re-watching it in the office! We have enclosed a little treat, we hope this inspires more Moz adventures."

Ms Williams said: "The children were extremely touched and very excited and as their teacher I was grateful for the time taken to send the gifts."

The pupils' video can be found at www.vimeo.com/248373517.

Children from St Anne's Catholic Primary School with the gifts and letter sent from John Lewis's head office

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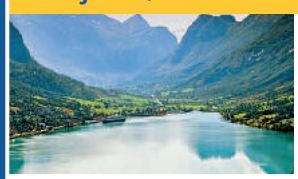

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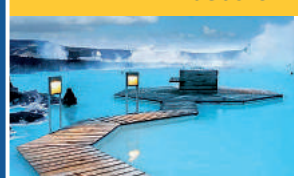

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Yona Knight-Wisdom with some of the pupils he met during his visit to St Thomas The Martyr CE Primary School, Up Holland.

Olympic diver makes a splash with primary school pupils

A SPORTSMAN who has competed at both the Olympics and the Commonwealth Games made a big splash when he visited five West Lancs primary schools to give inspirational talks to pupils.

Diver Yona Knight-Wisdom went along to St Thomas The Martyr CE Primary, Up Holland; Woodland Community Primary, Skelmersdale; Ormskirk CE Primary; Burscough St John's CE Primary; and Hesketh with Becconsall All Saints CE to talk about his life, his sport and the importance of education.

The visits were organised by Carlos Ferra, head coach of Burscough Diving Club to launch this year's West Lancashire Sport Partnership Splash 4 Fun Diving Competition. Carlos is also offering a free club taster session for any Year 5 or 6 pupil who attends a West Lancs primary school.

Although born in England, 22-year-old Yona became the first male diver to represent Jamaica - the birthplace of his father - at the Rio Olympics in 2016, having also achieved a similar milestone in the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow in 2014.

In June last year he won a silver medal in the three-metre springboard event at the British Diving Championships in Edinburgh and he won a World Cup Silver medal in 2016 also in the three-metre springboard.

He delivered an inspiring video presentation to the children about his journey and allowed time for the children to ask any questions. Yona is competing in the Commonwealth Games this year so the children are excited to watch out for him and cheer him on.

Head teacher at St Thomas The Martyr CE Primary, Carl Roscoe, said the children were impressed by all the places around the world that Yona had travelled to as a result of his diving and were inspired to persevere with their own sporting efforts and with their studies.

Yona, who has a honours degree in sports science, told his young listeners that while excelling at sport is wonderful, studying hard at school is even more important.

Mr Roscoe said: "We were extremely grateful to Yona for attending our school to inspire our children and share his incredible success in a fantastic, motivational speech."

Call to take the plunge for diabetes charity

FUNDRAISERS in West Lancashire are being urged to take on a new swimming-based challenge between next month and May.

The team at Diabetes UK are looking for residents in the borough to take on Swim 22, between February 22 and May 22.

Participants will be asked to cover 22 miles - the equivalent of crossing the English Channel.

People taking on the challenge can swim in their local pool alone or, better still, with family, friends or colleagues. The distance can even be split between a team to make it easier for everyone.

Stephen Ryan from Diabetes UK said: "Swimming is a fantastic way to stay fit and healthy, have fun and set yourself a challenge.

"Whether you're an absolute beginner or a seasoned swimmer, our team will be on hand to offer swimming tips and fundraising advice.

"Every day, around 700 people are diagnosed with diabetes. When diabetes is not well managed it can lead to serious complications including heart disease, stroke, blindness, kidney failure and amputations.

"Every length you complete and every pound you raise brings us closer to our vision of a world where diabetes can do no harm. So sign up and make a splash!"

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Swimmers are being urged to tackle a 22-mile challenge in aid of Diabetes UK

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Room with a view was just the tonic to warm away the January blues

Champion Travel Review: Waterhead Hotel, Ambleside

IN the latest of our travel reviews, the Champion's TOM MARTIN headed to the Lakes for a winter break at the Waterhead Hotel.

EXPECTATIONS were high when I set off for a weekend stay in one of the most popular hotels in the Lake District – and I wasn't disappointed.

The second I pulled around the corner of Lake Road and got a first glimpse of the grey building overlooking the calm water, it quickly became clear why this is such a popular choice of accomodation for lovers of the Lakes. On arrival, I was given a warm welcome by an informative and friendly receptionist, who pointed out the key amenities of the hotel and local area.

I found out that some of the many perks of the booking includes free entry to the leisure facilities at sister hotel, Low Wood Bay, only a mile down the road, and discounted fares on the lake's popular cruise boats.

I was then shown to my room, and as soon as I stepped inside my eyes were drawn to the breathtaking views of Lake Windermere - heightened by the tall windows which showcase the stunning scenery in all its glory.

On a cold January morning, the best way to view Lake Windermere is definitely from luxury lakeside view accommodation!

There are around 40 hotel rooms in total, many of which have a clear view of the lake, and all of them feature the usual complimentary tea and coffee.

However, what stood out was the complimentary locally distilled gins, and peanuts – and for the more sweet-toothed of guests, there was gingerbread from nearby Grasmere, and jelly sweets. It gave me an instant taste of the Lake District and set the weekend off nicely.

Elsewhere in the room, the beds were incredibly comfortable and the underfloor heating in the bathroom felt great on my bare feet in the morning! Walking through the hotel, there was a warm and homely feel to the place, particularly noticeable in the lobby area with a roaring fireplace and comfy leather couches, reminiscent of a country house living room.

The dining area and bar are located on the ground floor and appeared bright, spacious and stylish.

For breakfast, there was a healthy mixture of cereal and pastries on the buffet table, or from the kitchen there were a range of hot dishes, including pancakes, smoked salmon, an American breakfast and the popular Waterhead Grill.

The Waterhead Hotel

Understandably, there wasn't much activity in the outdoor seating area with it being the middle of January, but in the summer months, the Waterhead boasts its own outdoor pizza oven.

For my evening meal, I headed to the Bar & Grill restaurant which prides itself on locally sourced food. I can't speak for everything on the menu, but the Crisp Pulled Pork Croquettes, Confit Duck Leg and Chargrilled Cumbrian Chicken Breast were delicious!

Having left the car outside the hotel, I didn't need it again for the whole weekend. Boats on the lake and a bus stop outside the hotel's front door means getting about the area isn't a problem and Ambleside town centre is only a 15-minute walk away.

Overall, it was a thoroughly relaxing and enjoyable stay. If you love the Lakes, this is definitely the best way to make the most of a weekend away.

The view of Lake Windermere from my hotel room

The hotel is located right next to the lake

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Lunch club's golden milestone

MEMBERS of the Maghull Ladies Luncheon Club have celebrated their golden anniversary - now they are looking for new members to help them keep going for another 50 years!

The club meets at O'Brien's Restaurant in Park Road, Ormskirk on the second Tuesday of each month for a meal and a talk.

Club treasurer Beryl Campbell said: "It's amazing really that we've being going all of this time."

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Members of the Maghull Ladies Luncheon Club celebrate their 50th anniversary

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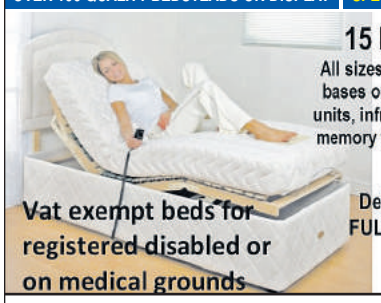

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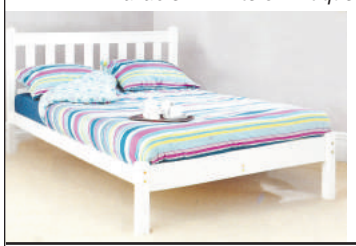

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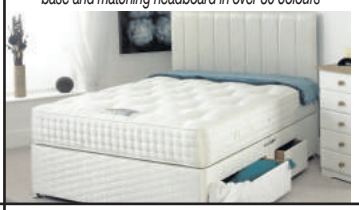

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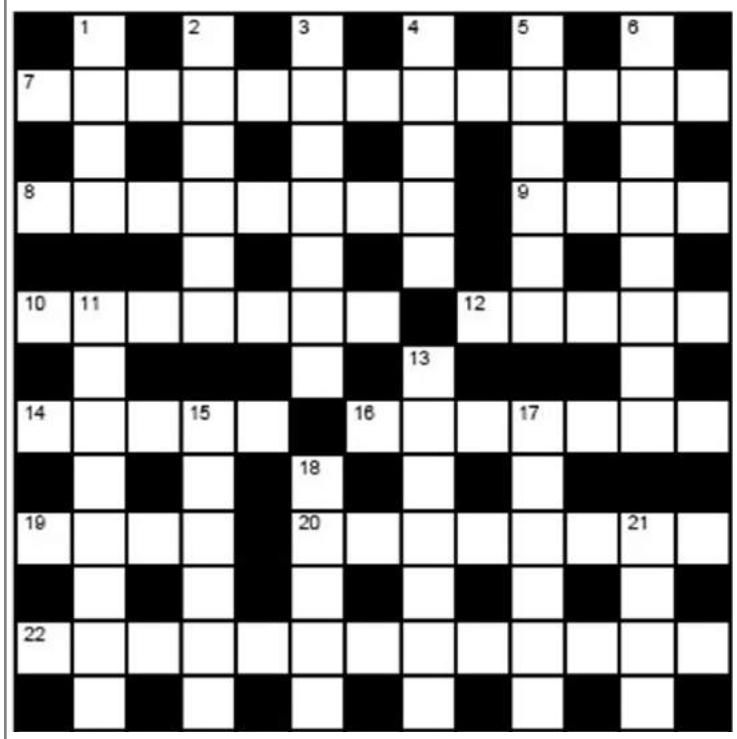

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Across: 7. Sonnet. 8. Leader. 9. Polo. 10. Olive oil. 11. Sensual. 13. Hyena. 15. Trade. 16. Amputee. 18. Al fresco. 19. Teak. 21. Beetle. 22. Ibidem

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7. The main or largest sleeping area in a house (6, 7)
8. The omission from speech or writing of a word or words that are superfluous or can be understood from contextual clues (8)
9. Christmas, especially as a refrain in carols and on Christmas cards (4)
10. A couple (7)
12. Devoutly religious (5)
14. A mortar or paste for filling crevices, especially gaps between wall or floor tiles (5)
16. Fall or drop straight down at high speed (7)
19. An interlaced structure (4)
20. Discompose (8)
22. A person who works for the state or for local government (6, 7)

DOWN

1. Travel on water (4)
2. Moral code (6)
3. Irritating (7)
4. Feeling, awareness (5)
5. Small sovereign state located on the north coast of Borneo (6)
6. Government of a colony, dependent country, or region by its own citizens (4, 4)
11. (Of food or drink) Reheated (6, 2)
13. Group of stars or galaxies (7)
15. Opposite of 12 across (6)
17. Reason for doing something (6)
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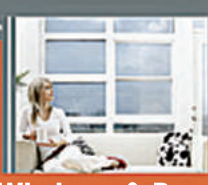

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Slimming World consultant Tina Whewell (right) and group member Janet Noone with the donation

Slimmers weigh in with tasty treat for charity

A GROUP of local slimmers have weighed in with a tasty post-festive hamper donation to a local charity.

Members of the Slimming World group based at Ormskirk Rugby Club donated their unopened Christmas goodies - including chocolates, biscuits and crisps - to the West Lancashire Women's Refuge which provides support for those who have been victims or are likely to be victims of physical, emotional, sexual or financial harm or abuse.

Slimming World consultant, Tina Whewell, said: "I'm so proud of our members, their commitment to getting back on plan is commendable.

"Nothing is banned from our generous Food Optimising plan - things like chocolate, biscuits and crisps are definitely allowed in moderation - but we also encourage our members to identify the trigger foods that can lead them on the path of slimming destruction and that most people have had in abundance during the festive period.

"This is something we do every year but this has got to be one of the best goodie hampers that we have donated.

"When Janet Noone, a member from our Wednesday evening group who works for the refuge, mentioned they were always grateful for donations, I couldn't believe how eager everyone was to get on board!"

Janet Noone added: "I really am overwhelmed with our members' generosity and also their determination to lose weight."

Edge Hill appoints new head of media

AN academic whose research interests range from 15th century portraits to blockbuster films, has been appointed new head of media at Edge Hill University.

Professor Matthew Pateman aims to ensure the department builds on its research and employment links and looks to become an outward-facing, confident, first choice destination for students and academics.

Professor Matthew Pateman new head of media at Edge Hill University

Matthew first visited the Ormskirk campus 20 years ago as a guest lecturer for current Sociology programme leader, Paul Reynolds.

"He said: I remember really liking the experience and was genuinely interested in Edge Hill. So when this opportunity came up I was really excited.

Ambition

"I have family in Lancashire and this looked like the ideal opportunity to come to an institution that had the care and intimacy that I remember from that first visit in the 1990s but is also growing and has great ambition. It is a beautiful campus and a lovely place to work and study."

Matthew joins from Sheffield Hallam where he was Head of Humanities for four years, having previously been Head of School in Performance and Screen studies at Kingston University and Head of Media and Film at the University of Hull.

In his new role he plans to explore research and partnership possibilities, particularly links with industry, to build the profile of the department regionally, nationally and internationally.

He is also keen to capitalise on the university's location to work with creative industries across Greater Manchester and Merseyside, as well as Lancashire and beyond.

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International pianist to make rare UK appearance

Alessandro Taverna

PARBOLD Douglas Music is to present international concert pianist, Alessandro Taverna, performing in the Auditorium in the Village Hall on Saturday, February 10 at 7.45pm.

This will be a rare UK appearance for an artist that has a stellar career in Southern Europe and America.

Italian pianist Alessandro Taverna has been hailed by the British music critics as the 'natural successor to his great compatriot Arturo Benedetti Michelangeli'.

Alessandro is considered one of the most remarkable pianists of his generation. He established his international career by winning top prizes at Minnesota Piano Competition, London International Piano Competition, Leeds International Piano Competition and Busoni Piano Competition in Bolzano. His success has led to many engagements with the most prestigious orchestras all over the world. Lorin Maazel, the great conductor, was so enthused by Alessandro's playing that he invited him to tour with the renowned Vienna Philharmonic in 2012.

For his artistic achievements and his international career, in 2012 Alessandro was awarded the Premio Presidente della Repubblica by the Italian State President.

In Parbold Alessandro will be presenting a programme of virtuosic, poetic piano-playing not to be missed. Exploring the theme of the festive exuberance of carnivals and masques, undercut by the jester's sorrow, Alessandro Taverna's will be playing Claude Debussy's Masques, Robert Schumann's Carnaval and Carnival in Vienna and movements from Igor Stravinsky's ballet suite Pétrouchka.

A limited number of stand-by tickets is always available at the Box Office on the evening of the concert. Concert Tickets: £16 / £5 Young Persons and Students.

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As part of Parbold Douglas Music's commitment to the NW community it has also maintained its admission price for students/young persons at £5 for any concert.

A scene from Her Benny

Royal Court theatre is to play host to Her Benny

LIVERPOOL Royal Court plays host to Her Benny from this Thursday (January 25) until Saturday, February 10.

The musical, which won the International Quest for New Musicals, is celebrating its 25th Anniversary.

It was first staged in Liverpool in 1993 where it played to sell-out audiences at The Empire Theatre.

The show has received a makeover for this production but still remains true to Silas K Hocking's original novel, an emotive tale that centres on the life and times of Benny Bates and his waif like sister Nell in Victorian Liverpool. It's a feel good classic rags to riches story but it's not all serious though, far from it. There is plenty of scouse humour, spectacular dance numbers, memorable tunes and rich and engaging dialogue.

The cast includes John McGrellis who has appeared in several productions in the city's theatres and was more recently DI Martin Leahy in the widely acclaimed ITV series Little Boy Blue and the fabulous Lindzi Germain, one of The Royal Court's regulars.

She is a wonderful all rounder who has starred in stage plays, farces, gritty dramas and musical theatre.

Most recently she starred as Angela Gabriel in The Royal Court's sell out Christmas production The Scouse Nativity.

Together with Janet Cowley, ex Phantom of the Opera, and Elliott Hanna who played the leading role of Billy Elliot in the West End production at the Victoria Palace Theatre London, they join a stellar professional cast drawn primarily from the Merseyside area and a group of juvenile performers chosen from an audition held The Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.

More than 250 young hopefuls from the region attended and it took a gruelling four days to make the final selections.

"The parts of the juvenile leads in this production, Eva Lawrence and Nell and Benny Bates are challenging ones", said writer and director Anne Dalton. They are bigger than in most musicals but I am delighted to have found youngsters who are just perfect for the roles. Due to their young age and the requirements of the licensing laws I have had to choose three children for each role but because of the wonderful turn out at the auditions I was able to find youngsters to fit the parts."

For this special production Anne has revamped the script, replaced a song and has taken the opportunity to have the whole show re-orchestrated.

She's delighted that Greg Last from Formby agreed to take on this role. This exceptional musical director and arranger has worked in the West End and on tours across the UK and abroad.

Most recently he was M.D. and arranger for The Everyman Christmas pantomime. The show has also been dazzlingly re-choreographed. The multi-talented Nazene Danielle, who coincidently played the part of little Eva when she as a child, carried out this task with aplomb.

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Catch One For The Road at the Little

SOUTHPORT Dramatic Club's next play is the Willy Russell comedy, One For The Road, set during the 1980s on a northern housing estate with pretensions of grandeur. What you might call Abigail's Party country.

While Pauline (Jennifer Corcoran) schemes to keep up with smug neighbours, Jane (Sam Roberts) and Roger (Paul Wilkinson), who are trying to catch the culprits responsible for wrecking the estate's garden gnomes, Pauline's husband, Dennis (Tony O'Keefe), is approaching his 40th birthday with dread. How did his dreams of freedom change into a world of John Denver records and upmarket cottage pie? Time, he thinks, for action.

Lots of laughs but Willy Russell updated the script in 1985 to reflect the times so beware of strong language.

Willy Russell also wrote Blood Brothers, Shirley Valentine and Educating Rita.

Directed by Tracey Batchelor, the play runs from this Friday, January 26 to Saturday, February 3 at 7.30pm each evening.

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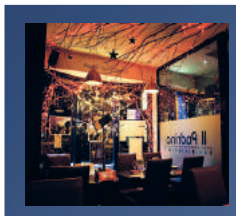

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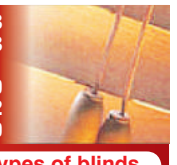

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P.P.

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DEATHS

DODD RAY

15th January 2018
Aged 76 Years

Beloved Husband of Adele. Much Loved Dad of Alex, Ben and Partner Andrea Dear Grampy of Sam Service and Cremation at West Lancashire Crematorium on Friday 26th January at 4.00pm Family flowers only please but donations if Desired for Woodlands Hospice c/o Graham J Clegg Funeral Service 7 Dover Road Maghull L31 5JB Tel: 0151 520 3330 or via www.cleggfunerals.co.uk

KRAMER ANITA (NEE ROSS)

Died at home peacefully on Monday 15th January 2018

Sadly missed . May her dear soul rest in peace.

WYNNE ANGELA

15th January 2018
Peacefully in Hospital
aged 89 years
of Ormskirk
formerly of Fazakerley

The dearly loved Wife of the late James, loving Mum of Peter (deceased) and Christopher, dear Mother-In-Law of Christine and devoted Nan of Matthew and David. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her. Requiem mass at St Anne's RC Church, Ormskirk on Friday 26th January 2018 at 12:30pm followed by Cremation at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough. Family flowers please, donations if desired for Leukemia Research. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H. Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Ormskirk, Skelmersdale & Scarisbrick Tel: 01695 722122/720012

DEATHS

SPRATT PHILIP GEORGE

Passed away peacefully at home on 10th January 2018
Aged 83 years

Uncle to Carol and Janet, Great-Uncle to Thom, Jordan and Lauren, Friend to everyone that knew him. Funeral Service and Cremation at Thornton Crematorium to take place on Thursday 1st February at 3:20pm. No flowers by family request. Donations if desired for Woodlands Trust or R.N.L.I c/o H.Leslie Humpreys 69 Liverpool Road, Crosby, L23 5SE. Tel: 0151 924 4805

FORSTER ELIZABETH

21st January 2018
Peacefully in Hospital
Aged 98 years
of Skelmersdale

The dearly loved Wife of John, loving Mum of Alan, Shelia and John, dear Mother-In-Law of Jean, devoted Nan to all her Grand and Great Grandchildren and Great Great Grandson. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H.Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick. Tel: 01695 722122/720012

SLATER THOMAS RICHARD

15th January 2018
Passed away aged 93 years, of Ormskirk

Much loved Husband, Dad and Grandad. Funeral Service at West Lancashire Crematorium on Monday 29th January 2018 at 12.15pm Family flowers only please, but donations if so desired for Diabetes UK and North West Air Ambulance. Donations and further enquiries please to Sally Hunter, MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Ormskirk, tele: 01695 424888

DEATHS

SAINTER ALAN WILLIAM

14th January 2018
Aged 87 years

Dearly beloved Wife of Jessica. Much loved and respected Dad of Alister and Ann. Cool Grandad to Victoria, Alex, Christopher and Aria and his Great-Grandchild Eliza. Alan will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. A service to celebrate the life of Alan will be held at Lord Street West United Church on Tuesday 30th January at 10:30am. Donations are being gratefully received in lieu of flowers for Queenscourt Hospice. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

TAYLOR RAMON

17th January 2018
Aged 86 years

Reunited with his beloved Wife Carole. Loving Dad to Diane, Stephen and Gillian. Much loved pal of Son-In-Law David. A proud Grandad of Melissa, Emma, Natasha, Jack, Stephen and Lewis and a loving Great-Grandad to Kai, Lexi and Taylor. Service at Southport Crematorium on Wednesday 31st January at 11:20am. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations are being gratefully received for Diabetes UK. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

HALLIWELL PHOEBE (PHEB) (Nee Holcroft)

14th January 2018
Aged 82 years

Dearly loved Wife of the late Jim. Loving Mum of John, Gillian, Adrienne, Diane, Andrea, Beverley. Much loved Nana to all her Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren. Mother-In-Law of Jackie, Peter, Dave, Brian and Laurie. Service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street, Burscough, L40 7SP on Tuesday 30th January at 1:45pm. Donations are being gratefully received in lieu of flowers for Cancer Research UK. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

DEATHS

HOUGHTON JOHN IGNATIUS

18th January 2018
Peacefully at The Spinney Nursing Home, Upholland
Aged 87 years
Formerly of Scarisbrick

Loving Husband of the late Connie and a much loved Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad. Requiem Mass and Interment at St Elizabeth's RC Church, Scarisbrick on Monday 29th January 2018 at 1.00pm. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired for Air Ambulance. All enquiries to Melanie H. Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick. Tel: 01695 722122 / 720012.

KENNY RITA (Nee Cronin)

January 8th 2018
Passed away suddenly at home

Wife of John Kenny leaving behind Daughters Tracy and Jacqueline, Grandchildren, family and many friends. Love you so much heartbroken, you have left us but you will be forever with us. Night Night God Bless. Funeral Service will take place at St Helens Crematorium on Thursday 25th January at 11:00am. Flowers welcome or donations to Mind Charity. All enquiries to Hunters of Ormskirk 128B Burscough Street, Ormskirk, Tel: 01695 572997

GREEN ANNE

16th January 2018
Passed away peacefully aged 70 years of Ormskirk

Dear Wife of the late Terry, much loved Mum of Tina, Jane, Sara & Lara, loving Daughter of Joan & Sister of Laura. Funeral Service at West Lancashire Crematorium Burscough on Friday 26th January at 10:00am. Family flowers only please, donations if so desired for Make a Wish and Queenscourt Hospice. Donations and further enquiries please to Sally Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph, Aughton, Ormskirk Tel: 01695 424888

DEATHS

SEDDON BARBARA

20th January 2018
Passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family aged 90 years

Devoted Wife of the late Jack, much loved Mother of Linda and Philip, Mother-in-law of George and Carol. Loving Nanna of Jayne & Clive, Ian & Amy and devoted Great-Grandmother of Ella, Lewis and James. Funeral Service at St James' Church, Westhead at 10am on Monday 29th January followed by cremation at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin St. Burscough. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to Alzheimer's Society c/o Lisa Hunter, MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Ormskirk L39 5DZ. Tel: 01695 424888

CARR JOHN

Of Haskayne
10th January 2018
Passed away at home

Funeral service to held at West Lancashire Crematorium on Thursday 25th January at 9am. Further enquires to Newland & Wilkinson Independent Funeral Directors, 311 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton. Lancashire, PR4 6RJ 01772 811165

LEE IRENE

January 15th 2018
Peacefully at home
Aged 72 years

Beloved Wife of Pat, much loved Mum of Martin, Janet (Deceased) and Donna, loving Grandma of Rachel, Jode and Nicole, Tina, El, Ethan, Mother-In-Law of Alison. Irene will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Requiem Mass at SS Peter & Pauls Church Crosby followed by burial in the graveyard on Friday 26th January 2018 at 11.15, family flowers only please but if desired donations to Age Concern UK c/o H.Leslie Humpreys 69 Liverpool Road, Crosby, L23 5SE Tel: 0151 924 4805

DEATHS

WARRILOW GRAHAM (Taffy)

16th January 2018
Passed away peacefully at home,
Aged 70 years.

Much loved Husband of Carol, Loving Dad of Ceri and Beth. Dearly loved Grandad of Sian, Callum, Megan and Jack. Funeral Service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Friday 2nd February at 1:00pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if so desired for Lathom and Burscough Old Peoples Club and Queenscourt Hospice. Donations and further enquiries please to Sally Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 22a Liverpool Road North, Burscough, L40 5TP Tel: 01704 891555

HEGARTY CATHERINE (CADE)

20th January 2018
Aged 62 years

Much loved Wife of Denis and Mum to Deno & Chelle, Mother-in-law to Lynda, loving Nana of Leah, Callum, Rhiannon, Shea and Bella. Attendees are asked to dress with bright colours and cheer. Family flowers only. Donations to Roy Castle Foundation. Funeral service at Green Acres Cemetery Rainford on Tuesday 30th Jan at 11.00am. Enquiries to Devonport Funeral Services. Tel: 01695 731199

HEGARTY CATHERINE (CADE)

"Don't cry because its over, smile because I was here. Don't sweat the small stuff" she said, "look for the light and shine." Reunited with Nana Cis. Goodnight and Godbless Mum. Love and miss you always. Chelle, Rhiannon and Shea xoxoxo

DEATHS

WELLS JOAN

21st January 2018
Aged 88 years

Cremation and service to take place at Thornton Crematorium on Thursday 1st February 2018 at 10.40am. Joan will be sadly missed by her Husband Frank, Son David, Daughter-in-law Ramela and Grandchildren Eshan and Ashna. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to British Heart Foundation. All enquiries to Craven Funeral Directors, 44 Liverpool Road, Lydiate L31 2LZ, tel 0151 531 7890, where Joan will be resting.

PEDEN GLADYS FRANCES

16th January 2018
Aged 87 years
In hospital surrounded by her loving family

Widow of the late Ronald Alexander Peden will be sadly missed by Daughters Cath, Lin, Deb and San. Son-In-Law Russ, Rob, Keith and Ian. Grandchildren Lee, Andi, Kev and Sarah. Great Grandchildren Jack, Ellie and Abi. Funeral Service at West Lancs Crematorium Burscough on Thursday 25th January at 4:00pm. Family flowers only. Donations to Cancer Research UK. Enquiries to Devonport Funeral Services Tel: 01695 731199

PEDEN GLADYS FRANCES

(NEE WHITEHEAD)

In loving memory of our dear Sister, Gone but never forgotten. From Brother Bert, Sister-in-law Marlene, Sister May, and all your Nieces, Nephews and families at home and in Australia.

DEATHS

BICKERSTAFFE GERALD WILFRED (GERRY)

Peacefully in hospital on 11th January 2018, aged 91 years

Dearly beloved Husband of Florence. Much loved Dad of Sharon, Lorraine, David, Keith, Ian, the late Ronnie and the late Ray. Gerry will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral Service and Committal will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Thursday 25th January 2018 at 3.15pm. Family flowers only by request but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Galloways Society for the Blind. Further enquiries to Co-operative Funeralcare, 22c Wigan Road, Ormskirk L39 2AU. Tel 01695 577244.

DRAPER ELSIE JOYCE

14th January 2018
Peacefully at her home in Burscough
Aged 85 years
formerly of Downholland

The dearly loved Wife of the late Jack, loving Mum of Jack, the late Jill, Geoff, Keith, Gordon and Alan, dear Mother-In-Law of Lesley and Wendy and devoted Nan to all her Grand and Great-Grandchildren. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H.Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarbrick. Tel: 01695 722122/720012

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DEATHS

SLATER JAMES NORMAN

21st January 2018
Peacefully at
Aaron Crest Nursing Home, Skelmersdale
Aged 90 years

The dearly loved Husband of Jessie, loving Dad of Pat, dear Father-In-Law of Ian, devoted Grandad of Andrew and Michael and Great-Grandad to all his Great-Grandchildren. Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Wednesday 31st January 2018 at 10:45am. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Dementia UK. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H.Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarbrick. Tel: 01696 722122/720012

BEATTIE KATHLEEN

On 15th January 2018
Peacefully in Hospital
Aged 66 years

Loving Wife of the late Robert, devoted Mum of Brian (Deceased), Bobby, Rosa, Ronnie, Anthony (Deceased) and Maria, cherished Nan and Great-Nan of all her Grandchildren and loving Sister of Rose, will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral Service will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Tuesday 30th January at 10:45am, family flowers only please by request, donations if desired for The British Heart Foundation, all enquiries Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel: 01695 559868

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

BOOCOCK IRENE

The family of the late Irene Boocock would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their support and kindness shown at this sad time.
Thank you to everyone for attending the Funeral Service and for donations received for the MS Society and Zoe's Place in Irene's memory

MOORE ERIC

Bev, Vicky and James would like to thank everyone for their support and messages of sympathy received during their recent sad loss, and for their donations to Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital.

Also Lisa Hunter, MLS Independent Funeral Directors for their dignified funeral arrangements.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

PATTERSON ALAN

Flo and family would like to express their sincere gratitude to all who offered sympathy and support during our recent sad loss, whether through messages of condolence, attendance at Alan's Funeral or through donations to the St. Paul's Anterior Segment Fund or Emmanuel Church. They would also like to thank the Rev. Sue Guenault of Emmanuel Church for leading the funeral and for her unwavering support to the family, Hunters Funeral Directors for the dignified arrangements and the staff at Hurlston Hall for their hospitality.

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Many Thanks to John Milton for a moving funeral service and to Lisa and colleagues at MLS Funeral Directors for their caring and professional service.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

FRANK QUINN
January 2018

Ruth, Anthony, Sue, Francis, Mandy and family would like to thank relatives and friends for their love and support during their recent loss. Thank you for sympathy cards and donations for Dementia UK. A special thanks to Courtfield Lodge care home who cared for Frank. Thanks to Father Godric for the lovely mass at St. Anne's church, Ormskirk. Also many thanks to Melanie at H.Hardmans & Co funeral directors.

ROBERTS JANET (JAN)

The family of the late Janet Roberts would like to express their heartfelt thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours, for all their sympathy cards, messages of condolence and donations for Alder Hey Children's Hospital received during their recent sad loss. Thanks also to John Milton for his kind words of comfort and The Team at MLS Independent Funeral Directors for their dignified funeral arrangements.

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West Lancashire Borough Council

Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2017/1265/FUL Demolition of 6 former agricultural buildings, conversion of 8 former agricultural buildings to create 13 dwellings with associated garaging and car ports, improvements to the existing access and associated landscaping works at Tanpit Farm House, Broad Lane, Downholland.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
The proposed development affects a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 applies.
Application No: 2018/0020/FUL Single storey extension to the rear at 49 St Helens Road, Ormskirk.
Application No: 2018/0021/LBC Listed Building Consent - Conversion of barn to dwelling including two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. Demolition of existing adjoining steel frame agricultural building. Associated external works at Rothwell House, Lafford Lane, UpHolland, Skelmersdale.
Application No: 2018/0028/COU Conversion of upper floors and change of use to student HMO including loft conversion - 9 bedrooms and 4 studio bedrooms at 19 - 21 Aughton Street, Ormskirk.
Application No: 2018/0036/FUL Variation of Condition No. 4 imposed on planning permission 2017/0614/COU to read - Unless otherwise agreed in writing with Local Planning Authority all windows and doors shall be painted grey aluminium at 6 Top Locks, Wheat Lane, Lathom.

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2017/1264/FUL Construction of a first floor side extension, two-storey and single storey rear extension and conversion of integral garage into habitable accommodation at Tanpit Farm Cottage, Broad Lane, Downholland.
The proposed development affects a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 applies.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.
Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
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John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Director of Development and Regeneration — Dated: 24th January 2018 PDNOT982

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Licensing Act 2003

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENSE. We Community Rooms CIC (trading as E Rooms) of 14-16 Westgate, Skelmersdale have applied to West Lancashire Borough Council to vary the premises license, the variations applied for are extension of hours to serve alcohol and play regulated entertainment extending to 04.00 hours Fridays and Saturdays.

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SO FAR Theresa May's yet to make any announcement banning future episodes of *Love Island* being broadcast for good. Oasis are yet to get back together, and Britain's best brewers still haven't worked out how to create beer that helps you *lose* weight.

But very occasionally things you keep your fingers crossed for do actually happen. Regular readers might recall that in these very pages about six months ago I openly wished for Land Rover to bring the Defender back, if only so it could give all the aftermarket customisers currently ruining the old ones a well-deserved drubbing. Amazingly, they've only gone and done it.

The Defender Works V8, to give it its official title, is not Britain's biggest carmaker admitting it got it wrong all along and begrudgingly putting the nation's most hardcore off-roader back into production. It's being tackled by Jaguar Land Rover's classic car division, but nor is it one of their beautifully executed revivals of its greatest hits, like the Jaguar E-types or the two-door Range Rovers it's put together in recent years. This is Land Rover playing the aftermarket boys at their own game, by taking old ones, and imagining how much cooler they'd be with big alloys, a noisy V8 and leather-lining trimmings. And then making it happen.

As a result it's rather more expensive than the regular Defenders ever were – £150,000, since you're asking – but it does churn out 400bhp, so it can hit sixty in 5.6 seconds AND go mountain climbing afterwards. Admittedly, you'd be a bit cheesed off if you bought one of the last-of-the-line Defenders two years ago, but Land Rover says that it's only because it's celebrating its 70th birthday this year. Honest. They won't make any more Defenders after that. Promise!

As someone who spent most of their childhood in Land Rover's V8 offerings I'm more than happy for them to have another crack at it – and while I reckon it's a lovely birthday gesture it achieves what I suspect was Land Rover's aim all along, because it looks so much better thought-out than all the dreadful Pimp My Defender offerings doing the rounds at the moment. For all its blacked out alloys and chromed door handles the Works V8 looks like it could still fit in at a farmers' market in deepest Shropshire. Obviously my next wish is for roughly £150,000 to appear in my bank account. Fingers crossed, and all that…

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58 VAUXHALL INSIGNIA CDTI 4 DOOR SALOON, finished in black, DIESEL, fully serviced from new, full 12 months MOT, new timing belt fitted, P/X welcome, electric windows and mirrors, Vauxhall alloy wheels, CD player, air conditioning, excellent condition inside and out

12 NISSAN NOTE N-TECH +, finished in cafe-latte metallic, only ONE OWNER from new, LOW MILEAGE only 47,000 miles from brand new, with full Nissan service history, front arm rests, two keys, Nissan alloy wheels, CD Player, climate control and satellite navigation

08 NISSAN MICRA 5 DOOR AUTOMATIC, in blade silver metallic only 60,000 miles, previously supplied by ourselves, full MOT, service history, two keys, remote locking, air-con and CD player **£2495**

56 HYUNDA MATRIX1600CC GSI MPV 5 DOOR HATCHBACK, finished in sage green metallic, LOW MILEAGE, only 63,000 miles, factory fitted roof rails, electric windows, 12 months MOT, factory fitted alarm system..... **£1495**

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56 FORD FIESTA EDGE 5 DOOR HATCHBACK, in sky blue metallic, 1400cc remote locking, 12 months, MOT, LOW MILEAGE only 64,000 miles, service history and 3 months Parbold engine and gearbox warranty **£1595**

08 NISSAN NOTE ACENTA 5 DOOR HATCHBACK, finished in cayman blue metallic, previously supplied by ourselves, 12 months MOT, been serviced every 12 months, two keys, remote locking, P/X welcome, test drives available..... **£1595**

07 NISSAN MICRA SPIRITA 5 DOOR, in silver, low insurance, previously supplied by ourselves, full 12 months MOT, two keys, full service history, remote locking, CD player, power steering, grey velour interior..... **£2195**

07 PEUGEOT 207 HDI GL 5 DOOR DIESEL HATCHBACK, finished in radiant red with matching black and red interior, service history, full 12 months MOT, P/X welcome, air-con, CD player, alloy wheels and two keys **£1895**

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07 HONDA JAZZ 5 DOOR HATCHBACK, finished in black, with service history, previously supplied by ourselves, two keys, LOW MILEAGE ONLY 20,000 FROM NEW, air conditioning, electric windows, CD player and a full 12 months MOT, 3 month Parbold engine and gearbox warranty **£2895**

58 VAUXHALL INSIGNIA CDTI 4 DOOR SALOON, finished in black, DIESEL, fully serviced from new, full 12 months MOT, new timing belt fitted, P/X welcome, electric windows and mirrors, Vauxhall alloy wheels, CD player, air conditioning, excellent condition inside and out **£2295**

59 CITROEN C3 VTR 5 DOOR HATCHBACK, finished in star silver metallic, top of the range, LOW MILEAGE ONLY 50,000 miles from new, full Citroen service history, two keys, remote locking, P/X welcome, low insurance, 1400cc petrol engine, 3 month Parbold engine and gearbox warranty..... **£2795**

12 NISSAN NOTE N-TECH +, finished in cafe-latte metallic, only ONE OWNER from new, LOW MILEAGE only 47,000 miles from brand new, with full Nissan service history, front arm rests, two keys, Nissan alloy wheels, CD Player, climate control and satellite navigation..... **£4895**

09 SUZUKI SWIFT GLS 5 DOOR HATCHBACK, finished in kingfisher blue metallic paint, and fitted with Suzuki alloy wheels, 1490cc petrol engine, service history and a full 12 months MOT, smart key system CD Player, P/X welcome and finance arranged, lovely car..... **£2995**

60 VOLKSWAGEN POLO FOX 3 DOOR HATCHBACK, finished in Nimbus Grey metallic, previously supplied by ourselves, locally owned, low insurance, 1200cc petrol engine, low insurance, full 12 months MOT, remote locking, 3 months Parbold engine and gearbox warranty..... **£2795**

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55	**SUZUKI** ALTO 1.1 5DR, blue, 70,000 miles	**£1295**
04	**FORD** STREET KA CABRIOLET 2DR, blue, leather	**£1295**
07	**RENAULT** CLIO CAMPUS 1.1 3DR, black	**£1250**
55	**FORD** KA 1.3 3DR, red 56,000 miles	**£1250**
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58	**SEAT IBIZA 1.4 SPORTLINE,** in red	**£2495**
58	**VW** FOX 3DR, in blue, 69,000 miles	**£2250**
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55	**VOLVO** V50 DIESEL ESTATE, grey metallic, full leather	**£1995**
56	**CITROEN** C1 1.0 VIBE, black, 48,000 miles	**£1995**
56	**FIAT** SEDICI 4WD DIESEL 5DR, silver	**£1995**
55	**AUDI** A4 AVANT ESTATE 2.0 TDCI SE, silver, 6 speed gearbox	**£1995**
53	**NISSAN** X TRAIL DIESEL 5DR, silver	**£1795**
54	**VW** SHARAN SE TDI DIESEL 5DR, grey, 7 seater	**£1795**
55	**VOLVO** V50 T DIESEL ESTATE 2.0 in blue	**£1695**
55	**FORD** FOCUS 1.6 DIESEL 5DR, manual, in light blue metallic	**£1595**
03	**CITROEN** C3 1.6 AUTO 5DR, in green metallic, full leather	**£1550**
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The stricken floodlight blown over by strong winds

Lights out at Burscough!

BURSCOUGH will hope their upcoming home games can go ahead after one of their floodlights fell victim to high winds.

Last Saturday, the Linnets were due to host Ashton Athletic, but this had to be switched to their ground after a floodlight was blown out of its position and it became a health and safety matter.

As it turned out, the away trip to Ashton was then called off due to a waterlogged pitch.

Burscough's next home game is on Saturday, February 3 when they are due to Hanley Town, but club officials are confident it will go ahead.

Before that, the Linnets play this Saturday when they travel to 1874 Northwich, who play at Winsford United's ground.

Meanwhile, Skelmersdale United manager Dave Powell was all smiles after the 4-4 draw with Mossley. He was full of praise for the spirit his players displayed to fight back from 3-0 down, but he was critical of how they found themselves three goals down at the interval at Seel Park.

Dave said: "I was disappointed with the nature of the goals, we have got to stop making mistakes. There was a whole sequence of mistakes for the first Mossley goal, we have got to cut it out.

"We had words at half-time, not just me but other members of the team, and it was a wake-up call for us.

"We hadn't stuck to the game plan, we came out after the break and stuck to the game plan. Because of it they started to make mistakes and we put the pressure on them and scored the goals.

"That should give us confidence. I think we should take a lot from the second-half performance, especially coming back from 3-0 down then conceding another soft goal. The lads showed a great character to come back again and play to the end. We got our rewards. We can move forward now."

Dave went on to pay tribute to Phil Mooney who was making his 150th appearance for the club.

Phil has been with the club since he was a 16 year old and although he has left a couple of times he has always come back and is considered something of a stalwart.

Dave said of him: "Phil is a bit of a gem for Skem United, he is consistent, plays in different positions and always gives 100%."

Skelmersdale were due to face Ossett Town last night (Tuesday) and this Saturday they are at home against Atherton Collieries.

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Skem come from three down to rescue point

Mossley 4
Skelmersdale United 4

SKELMERSDALE produced a stunning comeback to rescue a point after going into half time 3-0 down, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.*

After somehow equalising to make it 3-3 in the 85th minute, Mossley restored their lead three minutes later - but deep into injury time Skem made it 4-4 and might even have won it before the final whistle in a dramatic finale.

Referee Dale Baines deserved praise for getting the game on after a 2pm snowstorm.

Skelmersdale had started promisingly and after only two minutes Jordan Darr fought his way down the right, cut inside and his ball to Tyler Rufus in the centre of the goal was only grasped by Mossley goalkeeper Ollie Martin at the second attempt.

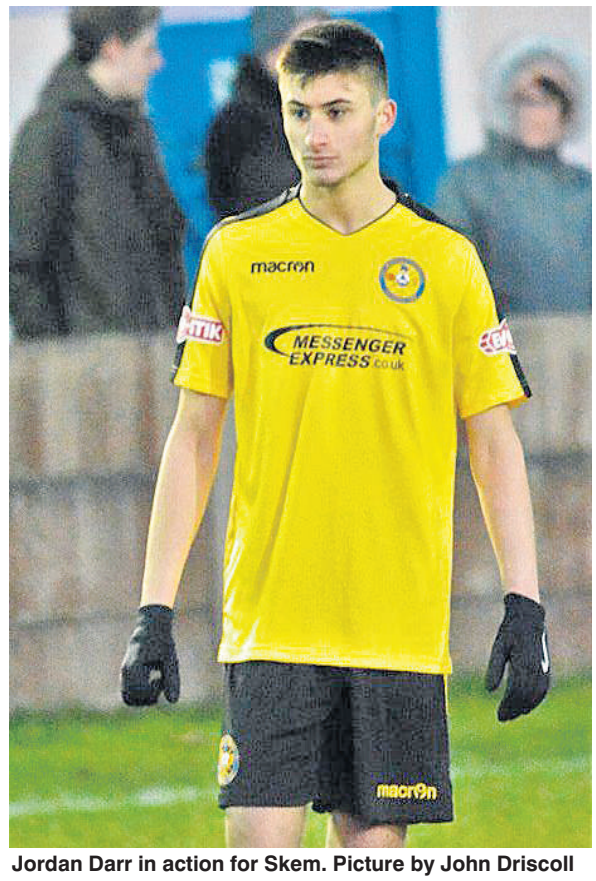
Skelmersdale were pushing up and using an effective offside trap that has been a useful aid over the last couple of matches, but they were undone by this tactic in the 16th minute.

Leaving a couple of forwards abandoned behind their backline they were undone by a run from deep by Jack Touhy onto a through ball, who ran on unchallenged and slotted into the Skelmersdale net for the opener.

In the 27th minute it was almost 2-0. Mossley worked the ball down the left hand side and it was fed inside and on the edge of the penalty area Mike Fish was allowed to create a shooting angle and hit the foot of the post.

In the 32nd minute a corner from the right was punched on by Roberts and went to the far side of the penalty area.

It was played back in and forced home by Elliott after his initial effort was blocked, leaving Skelmersdale far from happy as they thought Roberts had been fouled.



Jordan Darr in action for Skem. Picture by John Driscoll

Skelmersdale were giving Mossley far too much space in midfield and on 41 minutes matters looked impossible.

A ball from the left went to Declan Evans, he side-stepped Tom Mitchell and the big defender tackled him late for a clear penalty.

Fish beat Roberts from the spot and Skem looked a beaten team going into the half time break.

The catalyst for Skelmersdale's comeback came in the 48th minute when Mike Roddy swung a free-kick from the right to the far post area. Everyone missed it except Darr, timing his run behind perfectly everyone to head home from six yards.

It was a different game from that moment onwards. Skelmersdale were now closing down in midfield and were finding men with their passes, more significantly they were forcing Mossley onto the defensive and limiting their attacks to counterattack movements.

In the 64th minute Rufus set off on a run at the heart of the Mossley defence, he twisted past one man and was shaping to shoot when he was hit with a late tackle. The referee pointed to the spot and Roddy made it 3-2 and there was still more than 25 minutes to go.

Skem made it 3-3 when Alaster Redmayne slammed a shot beyond Martin to equalise from fifteen yards.

The players were starting to get feisty and in the 88th minute Mossley went back in front, the ball was hoisted to the near post from the right and Tom Dean headed home from a couple of yards.

Skem still weren't beaten. Jack Fleming latched onto a clearance and from 40 yards picked out Darr with a diagonal ball, who ran in behind the home defence and placed the ball across Martin into the far corner with a right-foot shot to make it 4-4.

In the final seconds, Redmayne and Darr came close to getting behind the home defence again, but couldn't create an opportunity.

To come back the way Skelmersdale did deserves the utmost credit and they have made a habit of getting valuable late goals this season, but this was without doubt their best yet.

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